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CHINA PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

First Formal Meeting

CHUNGKING, DEC. 28. PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FORTHCOMING MEETING OF THE POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL, THE INTER-PARTY AND NON-PARTISAN CONFERENCE WHICH IS TO TRY TO ACHIEVE PEACE AND UNITY IN CHINA, WERE DISCUSSED TODAY AT THE FIRST FORMAL MEETING HELD SINCE NOV. 17, BETWEEN CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNIST REPRESENTATIVES.

OTHER MEETINGS HELD BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES SINCE NOV. 17 HAVE BEEN INFORMAL AND GENERALLY OF A PURELY SOCIAL NATURE.

Several Chinese newspapers have predicted that the Council will not meet before Jan. 10. The date, however, has not yet been set.

The presence in Chungking of President Truman's special envoy, General of the U.S. Army, George E. Marshall, has increased national interest in the coming council and in the preliminary discussions that are going on here.

General Marshall has since his arrival here last Saturday, already talked with representatives of the Government, the Chinese Communist Party and the Democratic League and has obtained a good idea of their respective attitudes.

In his fact-finding mission, which will result in a report and recommendations to President Truman, the Presidential envoy has shown himself accessible to persons of all shades of opinion.

Stories about him have appeared daily in the Chinese newspapers since his arrival here.

The "China Times" said in its front-page editorial today that the interpreter reads Chinese papers to General Marshall every morning. It described him as a flow-

EYE CATCHING

It is quite obvious that much of the material appearing in the press is intended to catch General Marshall's eye. The Communists, besides publishing daily newspapers in Chungking, issue in English a news service. Yesterday's is typical.

It contains one story alleging the surrender of battalions of Nationalist troops in the Shantung Province who are supposed to have told the Communists that they were unwilling to fight in a civil war.

Another story alleged that 50,000 undisciplined Japanese had come under the command of General Yen Hsi-shan.

A third, which is denied as pure fabrication, reports that the Communists themselves were making use of Japanese troops.

The latest budget of reports from Government sources included a charge that the Communists have destroyed the temple of Mencius, the Chinese sage, in southern Shantung.

Associated Press.

Chou En-lai's Version

CHUNGKING, DEC. 28. THE COMMUNISTS SAID LAST NIGHT THEY HAD PRESENTED OFFICIAL WRITTEN PROPOSALS TO THE CENTRAL CHINESE GOVERNMENT FOR UNCONDITIONAL CEASE-FIRE ORDERS ON ALL FRONTS. THEY SAID THE PROPOSALS WERE DELIVERED AT A TWO-HOUR MEETING WITH THREE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT. THE MEETING WAS THE FIRST FORMAL ONE BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNIST REPRESENTATIVES SINCE NOV. 17.

The Communists said their proposals included an unconditional "cease fire" order by each side, settling peacefully all problems relating to "civil war" and the sending of inter-party and non-partisan groups to the various fronts to observe the situation.

Advancing In Snow To Mukden

PEIPING, DEC. 18. CHINESE NATIONALIST TROOPS IN COTTON-QUILTED COATS CONTINUED TO ADVANCE ALONG THE SNOW-BANKED ROAD TO MUKDEN IN A WEATHER 18 TO 20 DEGREES BELOW ZERO, REPORTS FROM MANCHURIA INDICATED TODAY.

Liason with Soviet troops has been established for entry into Hsin Min railway junction 37 miles from the objective.

General Tu Li-min's troops, veterans of the Burma jungle battles have reached Hsin Shan. When asked when his Nationalist troops were expected to enter Mukden, General Tu told Central News Agency that it was first necessary to clear the Communist forces from Hsin Min and Chang Wu areas.—Associated Press.

THE WEATHER

To-day's forecast:—Continuing fair and cool. Yesterday's temperature:—Maximum—64 degrees at 3 p.m. Minimum—51 degrees at 8 a.m.

Paris, Dec. 28. Official sources said that France will probably approve the Moscow conference Peace Treaty proposals on Friday.—Associated Press.

Swedish Ship Disaster

GALVESTON, DEC. 28. Eight members of the crew of the Swedish ship "Sveaborg" which exploded and sank here today are reported to be missing. It was also reported that 12 members of the crew were injured, two being in a critical condition.

The blast resulted from the explosion of an engine boiler after which the ship sank immediately, submerging the engine room and part of the crew's quarters.—Associated Press.

American G.I.s Shot Dead In Berlin

BERLIN, DEC. 28. THE AMERICAN MILITARY AND THE GERMAN CIVIL POLICE TO-DAY PRESSED A HOUSE TO HOUSE SEARCH FOR PERISONS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CHRISTMAS EVE SLAYING OF TWO AMERICAN SOLDIERS, BOTH WERE VICTIMS OF PISTOL SHOTS.

The police said they were unable to find motives in the first loss of American lives since the occupation of Berlin.

Ingrid Gross, 19-year-old German girl, told the American authorities she was walking on the street with one of the Americans when she heard a noise and saw a flash nearby.

She said two men, uniformed like Russians, approached and asked her companion if he was American and when he answered "yes" one of the men drew a gun and shot him twice.

The body of the other man was found about 50 yards away. He had been seen in the theatre earlier with a girl who has not yet been discovered.—Associated Press.

CURRENCY RUMOUR

Latest rumours in Chinese financial circles about the stabilization of China's currency suggest that the "Sun" dollar will be equivalent to the U.S. dollar, and that the official rate will C.N. currency will be 1,000 to one.

All banks, foreign and Chinese, must, according to the same sources, be capitalized at not less than 200,000 "Sun" dollars.

GREATER THAN EVER

Shanghai, Dec. 28. His conviction that post-war trade between Great Britain and China will eventually be greater in volume than it has ever been before, was expressed by Mr. J. C. Hutchinson, British Commercial Counsellor in China, in an exclusive interview with Reuter.

More Air Services For Hong Kong

WASHINGTON, DEC. 28. JACK FRYE, PRESIDENT OF THE TRANS-CONTINENTAL AND WESTERN AIRWAY LINE WHICH RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THE PURCHASE OF AN INTEREST IN THE PHILIPPINE AIRLINES DISCLOSED TODAY THAT THE COMPANY IS ANTICIPATING FURTHER CHANGES IN THE FAR EAST PROGRAMME.

THE AMERICAN AVIATION EXECUTIVE IN AN INTERVIEW STATED THAT THE COMPANY'S ROUTE WHICH NOW GOES THROUGH THE NEAR EAST AND TERMINATES IN COLOMBO WOULD BE EXTENDED TO SHANGHAI VIA SOUTH-EAST ASIA, THE PHILIPPINES AND HONG KONG.

Frye said there would be two routes eastward from Colombo. One would go to Singapore thence via the Philippines, Hong Kong to Shanghai, while the other would travel to Manila, French Indo-China to Hong Kong terminating at Shanghai.

He said these anticipated services are expected to provide the connecting link with the west-bound Trans-Pacific service which the company is hoping to establish soon via the North Pacific from the United States to Shanghai.

GRIM PICTURE OF BERLIN XMAS

ALMOST NEXT TO A NOTICE IN A GERMAN PUBLIC BUILDING SAYING "COFFINS ARE AVAILABLE ONLY FOR THOSE WHO DIED OF AN INFECTIOUS DISEASE" IS AN ANGEL MADE OF CARDBOARD PROCLAIMING "MERRY CHRISTMAS, PEACE ON EARTH AND GOODWILL TOWARDS MEN."

THERE WAS CHRISTMAS IN BERLIN THIS YEAR. THE ONCE PROUD AND GAY CAPITAL ECHOING WITH MERRIMENT AND GOOSE-STEPPING NAZI LEGIONS ON PARADE BUT THIS WAS A SORDID, DEPRESSING SIGHT OF INCREDIBLE RUINS, OF SHIVERING, SUNKEN-EYED PEOPLE WHO ARE THANKFUL OF PEACE BUT OVERWHELMED WITH THE EMPTINESS OF THE FUTURE.

From the Tiergarten, the once famous park in the centre of Berlin, came a weary procession of carts loaded with twigs and branches pulled by old men and women. They paused by the wayside to rest and have a Christmas dinner, black bread covered with lard.

Women looking inconspicuous in expensive fur coats hacked at tree-stumps in the once majestically wooded Tiergarten with butcher knives, for the splinters take the frostiness from their rooms.

TRAGIC SCENES Long lines of thinly clad and pale children, many of them pitifully crippled in bombing raids, waited excitedly to attend a Santa Claus party at the magistrate's building. Each got a toy, some warm clothing and a cookie with a bit of sugar.

The city's "save our children" campaign was at last this much of a success.

Down the street an old man feebly stuffed rags in a shattered window. He muttered something about cardboard falling out during the night and that his wife in bed was complaining of pain in her lungs.

Most of the poorer families had no Christmas tree although thousands were brought into Berlin to sell from one to eight marks each.—Associated Press.

Rear-Admiral's Outburst

KWAJALEIN, DEC. 28. REAR-ADMIRAL SHIGAMATSU SAKABARA, FORMER COMMANDER OF WAKE ISLAND AND HIS EXECUTIVE OFFICER, LIEUT. COMMANDER SEICHI TACHIBANA, WERE TO-DAY SENTENCED TO HANG FOR THE MASS EXECUTION OF 66 AMERICAN CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF THE PAN-AMERICAN AIRWAYS ON OCTOBER 7, 1943.

The United States Military Commission passed sentence after Sakabara had declared in an outburst that those who conducted the atomic bomb attacks on Japan should be regarded as war criminals.

He said: "Now as we are about to receive the decision of the American Court I would like to make a request that the people who planned and carried out the dropping of the atomic bombs on Japan should be regarded as criminals of war."

Referring to the executions of the Americans the Japanese defence counsel, Lieut. Commander Kozo Hirata said: "It is one of those tragedies which happen necessarily with the ruthless actions of the war. Although the execution was a serious tragedy it may be justified before the law as a means of protecting the Japanese Wake Island unit from hostile deeds."—Associated Press.

SURPRISE FOR R.A.F.

Sir Keith and Lady Park have provided the Royal Air Force in Hong Kong with a pleasant surprise.

They hope to arrive in Hong Kong in time to participate in the formal opening of the Lady Park Recreational Club at Quarry Bay—the former Lido.

Information was received in the Colony to this effect yesterday evening.

BIG THREE DECISION ON CONTROL IN TOKYO

LONDON, DEC. 28. FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE "BIG THREE" AGREED ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FOUR-POWER FAR EASTERN COMMISSION FOR SHAPING ALLIED POLICIES IN THE ORIENT. A FOUR-POWER ALLIED ADVISORY COUNCIL TO WORK WITH GENERAL MACARTHUR IN JAPAN AND A FIVE-YEAR TRUSTSHIP FOR KOREA.

THE MINISTERS AGREED DURING THE 11 DAYS OF CONFERRING IN MOSCOW THAT THE FAR EASTERN COMMISSION SHOULD BE CONTROLLED BY RUSSIA, BRITAIN, CHINA AND THE UNITED STATES.

In the case of the council for Japan, however, General MacArthur still would play the dominant role as chairman of the council and "sole executive authority for the Allied powers in Japan."

On the touchy atomic energy question, the ministers were reported to have adopted a proposal for a general assembly in January. Russia was said to have aligned herself with the United States, Britain and Canada on the question.

British Foreign Secretary Bevin said at Moscow that the transferred.

It was agreed that the government of the United States, on behalf of the four powers, should present to other governments the terms of reference of problems before the commission and invite them to participate in the commission on the revised basis.

ALLIED COUNCIL. With reference to establishment of an Allied council for Japan, the text of the agreement reads:

"The following agreement also was reached, with the concurrence of China, for establishment of an Allied council for Japan:

"1.—There shall be established an Allied council with its seat in Tokyo under chairmanship of the supreme commander for the Allied powers (or his deputy) for the purpose of consulting with and advising the supreme commander in regard to implementation of the terms of surrender, occupation and control of Japan, and of directives supplementary thereto; and for the purpose of exercising control and authority here-in granted.

"2.—Membership of the Allied council shall consist of the supreme commander (or his deputy), who shall be chairman, and the United States member; a U.S.S.R. member; a Chinese member; and a member representing jointly the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand and India.

"3.—Each member shall be entitled to have an appropriate staff consisting of military and civilian advisers."—Associated Press.

Iran problem was discussed at length but no final agreement was reached. A reliable London informant said the Iranian problem had played a lesser role in the discussion that had been expected.

BYRNES JUBILANT U.S. Secretary of State Byrnes left Moscow in jubilant spirits over the accomplishments of the conference and the creation of a friendly spirit among the "big three" after the friction of recent months.

London sources reported that the problem of territorial claims against Turkey voiced by certain Russian intellectuals was discussed without any agreement being reached.

The Korean section provides for establishment of a provisional government and a four-power (Continued on Page 6)

Puppet's Death

CHUNGKING, DEC. 28. A semi-official dispatch reported yesterday the death in prison at Peiping of Wang Keh Min, formerly Japan's number one puppet in North China. He died on Dec. 16.—Associated Press.

INDONESIAN LEADERS TO COOPERATE

BATAVIA, DEC. 28. The Indonesian "Republican" Prime Minister, Dr. Soekarno, said today that he had agreed in principle with proposals made yesterday by Lieutenant-General Sir Philip Christison, Allied Commander-in-Chief in the Netherlands East Indies, for active measures to ensure law and order in Western Java.

Sjahrir, who is having a further meeting with General Christison today, added that details have still to be discussed between the British and the Indonesians.

Dr. Sjahrir said at a press conference today: "We are now back to several months ago. Then we were asked to comply unofficially. Now it is official. He added: "One of our conditions for co-operation will be that no more Dutch troops are to land here."—Reuter.

T.K.R. TO BE ARMED

BATAVIA, DEC. 28. The British disclosed that they have decided to arm certain units of the T.K.R. (the peace preservation corps which is loyal to the Indonesian National Government) for use as auxiliary police. The decision marks a new stage of British-Indonesian cooperation to restore order in Batavia and western Java centres of extremist activities.—Associated Press.

RECOGNITION ISSUE

LONDON, DEC. 28. Prime Minister Clement Attlee this afternoon began talks with Dutch officials in an effort to settle the Indonesian crisis.

The British Government was understood to be pressing the Dutch to recognize the self-proclaimed Indonesian Republic.

Adding Attlee in the talks was Minister of State Philip Noel Baker, substituting for Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin.

Dutch officials included Prime Minister Wilhelm Schermerhorn, Deutor J. H. Van Mook, Lieutenant-Governor-General of the Dutch East Indies, Colonel Minister J. H. A. Logeman and Minister without Portfolio J. H. Van Royen.

The talks are expected to last two or three days.—Associated Press.

ESCAPE FROM CELLS

A break for liberty from the reined cells at the Kowloon Military was made yesterday afternoon.

Three men were involved in the escape, which occurred at about 3 p.m., but by 6 p.m. the re-arrest of one of them had already been effected.

Two of the men were held "in charge of armed robbery and the third for possession of arms."

The circumstances in which they managed to escape have not been disclosed.

LASCAR CONDITIONS

BOMBAY, DEC. 28. Dinkar Desai, General-Secretary of the Indian Seamen's Union in Bombay, said at a press conference that "living conditions of Indian seamen are so terrible that they resemble a concentration camp."

"The difference between British seamen and Indian seamen is that of Heaven and Hell," he said.

"British ship-owners take their responsibility for the welfare of Indian seamen in Britain, with inhuman indifference," he said.—Associated Press.

MARY ASTOR WEDS AGAIN

HOLLYWOOD, DEC. 28. The famous film star Mary Astor today notified her studio that she and Thomas Wheeler, Chicago broker were married here on Monday.

This was her fourth marriage.—Associated Press.

CHINA CONCURS

CHUNGKING, DEC. 28. It is officially announced that China has signified her concurrence with the agreement on procedure for the peace treaties reached at the big three foreign ministers conference at Moscow.—Associated Press.

U.N.O.'S BITTER PROBLEMS

Opening Session To Be Held In London

WONG HEAD DEAD

Los Angeles, Dec. 28. In a setting of Oriental magnificence, funeral services were held for Wong Tepe, 48. He operated a small grocery store but was President of the Wong family association. He headed the house which numbers 30,000 Chinese in the United States. Hundreds of mourners, two brass bands and a mass of flowers marked the service. —Associated Press.

Peace In Indo-China Forecast

New York, Dec. 28. Possibility of a peaceful settlement of the French Indo-China unrest is foreseen by Col. Stephen L. Nordlinger, who has returned from two years in China and Indo-China. Nordlinger went to Indo-China from China last August as head of an American rescue mission to liberate 6,000 prisoners in Hanoi. They found the prisoners were not Americans, but mostly French foreign legion veterans originally held by the Japanese but turned over to the Annamites. Nordlinger said that although the Annamites have come out for complete independence, a dominion compromise would be acceptable. Before a dominion concession would be acceptable, however, the agreement would have to be guaranteed by the United Nations, the colonel predicted, adding: "I think some arrangement is made, I fear for the safety of about 7,000 French in Indo-China north of the 16th parallel." Nordlinger explained there was now a violent anti-French feeling among the Annamites, but he thinks they can be pacified by a settlement with the French. —Associated Press.

Unique Election Poll By Observers

WASHINGTON, DEC. 28. MORE THAN 600 AMERICANS WILL GO INTO ALL PARTS OF GREECE SHORTLY AS ELECTION OBSERVERS IN A PROJECT WHICH IS BELIEVED UNIQUE IN HISTORY. THE SIZE OF THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION AND THE EXHAUSTIVE SCOPE OF THE PROJECT WERE DISCLOSED BY INFORMED GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHO ASKED TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS.

STATEHOOD FOR HAWAII

Honolulu, Dec. 28. Governor Ingram M. Stainback expressed pleasure over Secretary of Interior Ickes' recommendation that Hawaii be granted statehood and said he hoped Congress would not quickly to make the territory the 49th state. He said Hawaii now bears the burdens of statehood without the privileges. —Associated Press.

CHRISTMAS PRESENT

Manila, Dec. 28. The People's Court handed a tough present on Christmas Eve to Apolinario Garcia, former chauffeur, accused of having been an informer for the Japanese government. Carlos drew life imprisonment and was fined 7,000 pesos for giving the Japanese information leading to the arrest and torture of three of his fellow countrymen. He will appeal to the Philippine Supreme Court. —Associated Press.

MRS. BURNHAM DEAD

Pasadena, California, Dec. 28. Mrs. Margaret S. Burnham, 95, widow of Mr. D. H. Burnham, Chicago architect, died last night. Burnham before his death in 1912, pioneered the steel and masonry construction which made possible skyscrapers and was architect in the Chicago Fair in 1893, having planned several Washington D.C. structures and the Summer capital of Baguio in the Philippines. Mrs. Burnham is the daughter of Mr. John B. Sherman who founded the Chicago Union Stockyards. —Associated Press.

POLICE GO OVER

Moscow, Dec. 28. A Tass dispatch from Tashkent said that gendarmes and the police in Maku and Shalpur in north-western Iran near the Turkish border have placed themselves under the new self-proclaimed autonomous government of Azerbaijan Province. —Associated Press.

Atomic Bomb Not On Agenda

WASHINGTON, DEC. 28. THE FIRST SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANISATION OPENS ON JAN. 10 WITH MANY BITTER PROBLEMS TO FACE IN ITS TASK OF KEEPING PEACE. THE FIRST SESSION IS A MEETING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN WHICH ALL 61 MEMBER NATIONS WILL PARTICIPATE. THE FIRST SESSION WILL BE DIVIDED INTO TWO MEETINGS.

Starting on Jan. 10 the first meeting will last at least three weeks to two months during which time the members will set up the machinery to make the U.N.O. a working organization. The second meeting is expected to begin in April, perhaps in the United States, since this country has been selected as its permanent headquarters. No great problem such as the atomic bomb is on the programme of the London meeting, although any nation is free to bring up the subject.

MAIN JOBS

The London meeting may sound pretty dull, like the San Francisco Conference, where the delegates worked weeks in committees haggling over a word or phrase to win on the charters.

One of the main jobs of the first meeting will be to elect six small nations as temporary members of the Security Council. The United States, Britain, France, Russia and China are permanent members. It is the Security Council and not the Assembly which will have the real job of preserving peace, once it is created.

There is plenty of work for the first Assembly meeting though not very important. It consists mainly of setting up agencies of the U.N.O. and electing officials. Preparations for this meeting have been going on for months.

ONE VOTE

Right after the San Francisco Conference last Spring an executive committee of 14 nations, including the U.S. was appointed to draw up the programme for the

London meeting. It finished its work with a 130-page report. Then a Preparatory Commission was set up to go over the executive committee's work.

All members of the U.N.O. are expected to send at least a delegate. Despite the number each nation in the Assembly will be entitled to only one vote. —Associated Press.

Strike Talks On Again

Detroit, Dec. 28. Officials of the General Motors Corporation and the United Automobile Workers Union today planned to resume negotiations, but the wage issue of the Union's demand for a 30 per cent increase was not scheduled for discussion, it was reported today.

The meeting, said Union Vice-President Beutler, was to deal only with the procedure for handling local grievances in the absence of a working contract.

The agreements between the Company and the Union were cancelled after the strike of 175,000 persons on Nov. 21.

The principals in the long dispute were scheduled to be in Washington on Friday when the fact-finding panel resumes its studies.

Meanwhile, picketing was resumed at the General Motors four plants at Flint, Michigan, and an additional two to three thousand office workers were permitted entry at the Fisher body and the Chevrolet plants. —Associated Press.

PRESIDENT TO BRAVE ELEMENTS AGAIN

Kansas City, Dec. 28. President Truman said he will make a radio address shortly after his return to Washington to outline his overall legislative programme and the state of the nation.

President Truman will explain his programme for ending the strikes at a news conference here after seeing his mother for a second visit in two days. He intends to fly back on Friday the weather permitting, he told reporters. His flight here was one of the roughest he has had but he won't abandon his intention of his return flight unless the weather becomes worse. —Associated Press.

ALLIED PROPERTY IN JAPAN

Tokyo, Dec. 28. The supreme Allied command today ordered the Japanese government to submit the names and addresses and other data concerning wartime administration of Allied properties as part of the programme to return of the property to owners. The property of Allied nationals was placed in custody of more than 100 administrators in December 1941. —Associated Press.

NEW AGENCY

Seoul, Korea, Dec. 28. A new Korean news agency, Hapdong (Pacific Press) is beginning independent operation in this newly liberated land, with arrangements to receive news from the Associated Press by radio. It will use the facilities of Japan's former Domei agency. The news agency embraces nine newspapers and one radio station and is headed by Kim Sung Dong. —Associated Press.

KURILE WAR GAMES

Moscow, Dec. 28. The Army newspaper "Red Star" reports that Soviet soldiers in the Kuriles Islands are busily engaged in battle study despite severe weather conditions prevailing there. The Kuriles stretch northward from the northern Japanese homeland to Kamchatka peninsula. —Associated Press.

Madrid, Dec. 28. An official bulletin yesterday announced a "social tribunal" for repression of Masonry and Communism had acquitted 118 persons since August 11, 1943. —Associated Press.

TRAGEDY FEAR

Santa Barbara, Calif., Dec. 28. An explosion rocked downtown Santa Barbara Wednesday night, shattered windows for several blocks and started a roaring fire in a four-story house below a series of apartments. A deputy sheriff said "It would be a miracle if anyone escaped" from the structure. No immediate check was available on the occupants. —Associated Press.

Don't Know What's Ahead

Portland, Oregon, Dec. 28. Two trainloads of Japanese arrived from Tulelake, California, to board the Japan-bound transport "General Gordon".

Some 1,800 Japanese men, women and children are bound for Japan at their own request or by deportation orders.

Masako Baba, a Los Angeles born girl of 16, said she and her family were glad to be leaving. "We are all eager to be in Japan."

Another said: "My family and I want to leave here, that's all."

One boy of the many when questioned by reporters said he would prefer to remain in the United States. —Associated Press.

Vital French Interest In The Balkans

PARIS, DEC. 28. THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT PREPARED ITS REPLY YESTERDAY TO A JOINT BRITISH-RUSSIAN-UNITED STATES COMMUNICATION ON THE FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONFERENCE DECISIONS CONCERNING THE BALKANS. FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCES INDICATED THE FRENCH REPLY, PROBABLY EXPRESSING RESERVATIONS, WOULD BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE END OF THE WEEK. THESE SOURCES POINTED OUT THAT FRANCE FEELS SHE HAS VITAL INTERESTS IN THE BALKANS AND, AT THE LONDON FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONFERENCE, REQUESTED THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PREPARATION OF THE PEACE TREATIES FOR BULGARIA, ROMANIA AND HUNGARY, AS WELL AS FOR ITALY.

The Moscow conference's Balkans decision was communicated to General George Catroux, French Ambassador there, shortly before Christmas. General de Gaulle and Foreign Minister Georges Bidault conferred on the subject at length on Tuesday.

The two French leaders also discussed "certain local difficulties" that have arisen between the French and British military experts in Beirut over the simultaneous withdrawal from Syria of French and British troops, an announcement said.

Although there has been no official explanation of these "difficulties," which are believed to have virtually brought the talks to a standstill, diplomatic circles here said they had arisen over the points to which the two bodies of troops are to be withdrawn.

According to the recent French-British agreement on the withdrawal, the French forces are to retire to Lebanon. It was not decided, however, where the British would go.

Information from Beirut said the British were insisting on a withdrawal to Lebanon also, but the French were refusing on the grounds that it would give the British an overwhelming troop superiority there.

The problem, meanwhile, has been referred back to London and Paris for decision, it was learned. The Lebanese legion in Paris issued a communique stating that "Lebanon, which has the same rights as all member states of the United Nations Organization, demands the total simultaneous evacuation of all foreign troops stationed on her territory." The statement asserted that the tiny Levant state "refuses to become a bridgehead for use against the independence of the Arab countries." —Associated Press.

STALLED IN SNOW

Kansas City, Missouri, Dec. 28. Twenty-five home-bound Missouri and Illinois servicemen who left Denver Sunday night in a moving van, were stalled in snow-swept Kansas and forced to complete the last lap of their journey by train. They had borrowed the big truck from a furniture company in hopes of avoiding the traffic congestion which has developed on the railroads, with thousands of men returning from the Pacific. —Associated Press.

U.S. Plan For Returned Servicemen

Washington, Dec. 28. Reconversion employment of war veterans and war plant employees primarily is a problem to the local communities and the individual worker himself, Representative Scrivener, Republican of Kansas said today.

"The solution to the whole problem is the individual worker himself the government being called in only as a last resort," Scrivener told a reporter. Despite President Truman's veto of legislation to return the U.S. employment service to the control of the States, Scrivener said he expected the move would be made before June. He said he felt there was being implied a pledge that the functions of the Employment Service would be returned by government to the States at the end of the war.

He said: "The shooting war" has ended, and added that he believed "the pledge should be kept." —Associated Press.

BY NEW YEAR MAYBE

San Francisco, Dec. 28. Army and Navy officials today indicated that most of the 170,000 stranded Pacific war veterans who spent Christmas in the Pacific Coast port cities will get home before the New Year's day.

They hope to be moving about 53,000 before 1946. A similar speed up is expected from other ports primarily as a result of the decrease in the number of arrivals by ship rather than the increase in transportation facilities.

The San Francisco and Los Angeles battlefields are daily sending about 15,000 men to the east. —Associated Press.

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Chinese Regaining Malaya Position

SINGAPORE, DEC. 28. CHINESE IN SINGAPORE AND MALAYA ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE DAY WHEN THEY HOPE IT IS COMING SOON WHEN THEIR INTERESTS WILL BE MORE EFFECTIVELY REPRESENTED BY THE OFFICIAL CHUNGKING GOVERNMENT. THERE STILL IS NO INFORMATION AS TO THE PROSPECTIVE ARRIVAL OF THE CHINESE CONSUL GENERAL, REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN REASSIGNED TO SINGAPORE. PRIOR TO THE WAR, SINGAPORE CHINESE WERE LEADING CONTRIBUTORS TO THE GENERAL ECONOMY AND PROSPERITY OF MALAYA. WHEN THE JAPANESE OCCUPIED MALAYA, THEY RECOGNIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CHINESE, BUT THE CHINESE BUSINESSMEN WERE TOO SHREWD TO BE EXPLOITED UNLESS THE JAPANESE EMPLOYED OVERWHELMING PRESSURE.

Disclosure Was Tactless

Washington, Dec. 28. Senator Lucas, Democrat of Illinois, yesterday said he believes the Senate House Inquiry Committee action in disclosing the secret that the Americans had been reading German, Japanese and other nations' confidential messages "has given us a diplomatic setback that can't be measured." Lucas said the country will suffer a great loss in future seeking of information about activities of other nations. Another Senator told a reporter he thinks code-breaking will continue "as it always has in the past." He conceded that it was likely that every nation in the world has already changed its codes. The Japanese are not sending any more what they thought were highly confidential messages to their nationals. The Committee is now in recess until a week from to-day. Associated Press.

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Iron Lung Flight

Seattle, Dec. 28. Corporal Wallace H. Hargrave, of Topeka, Kansas, arrived here after completing an 11,000-mile plane trip in an iron lung from India where he was stricken with infantile paralysis. He began the flight from Calcutta. Hargrave is en route to Fitzsimmons general hospital here. Associated Press.

Want Allied Investigation

BATAVIA, DEC. 28. LEADERS OF THE INDONESIAN REPUBLIC ARE SEEKING TO HAVE AN AMERICAN OR ALLIED COMMISSION TOUR JAVA AND LEARN THE SITUATION OF THE PEOPLE BEFORE ANY ALLIED MILITARY ACTION IS LAUNCHED THERE. Newsmen who have toured Java have come to the conclusion that President Soekarno and his government are tremendously popular with the people and have the support of a wide variety of groups. Their conclusions were:

(1) The Indonesian army now has sufficient arms and is sufficiently disciplined to ensure safe delivery of all Japanese still to be rounded up by the British and of all former allied internees and war prisoners.

(2) The Indonesian government is eager to perform this task as soon as possible.

(3) The internees after long imprisonment by the Japanese are now confident to crowded camps and while they are not ill-treated they lack sufficient food and medicine. Associated Press.

STUDENTS DEMONSTRATE

Moscow, Dec. 28. A Tass dispatch from Beirut reported yesterday that a student demonstration had been held in the Syrian capital, Damascus, to demand the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of English and French troops from Syrian territory. Associated Press.

Waste Allegation Against U.S. Military

WASHINGTON, DEC. 27. SENATOR KNOWLAND, REPUBLICAN OF CALIFORNIA, TO-DAY SAID HE AND HIS FELLOW SENATORS HOPE TO DETERMINE WITHIN A MONTH WHETHER MILITARY GOODS ARE BEING WASTEFULLY THROWN AWAY NOW. THE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE'S DEFENCE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE TOMORROW WILL BEGIN A MONTH-LONG ROUND THE WORLD FLIGHT SEEKING ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS WHETHER USABLE TRUCKS ARE BEING DUSHED OVER CLIFFS AND WHETHER FOOD IS BEING ALLOWED TO SPOIL WHILE CHILDREN GO HUNGRY.

Heading the group is Senator Tunnel, Democrat of Delaware. Another member, besides Knowland is Senator Mitchell, Democrat of Washington State. Knowland said in an interview that the army during the war had a first class system of salvage which saved a "tremendous amount of shipping" by repairing battle damage. He served as a Major in Europe before becoming a Senator.

"Of course, war in itself is a wasteful process," said Knowland. "Then many useful things had to be thrown away. The scorched earth policy is an example of destroying wilfully. What we want to make sure of is that there is no unnecessary waste now."

FOOD WASTAGE Knowland commented that there may be quite valid reasons for some destruction of things that cost a lot to make such as explosives. "On the other hand, the Committee has had reports from time to time that items which would be of value to a civilian economy here or in Australia for example have been destroyed. "We have read as newspaper readers have of trucks being pushed off cliffs. We have heard reports of food being wasted."

"We don't know how true they are. It may be for example that stocks of food have been kept from hungry people because they become spoiled to keep people from poisoning themselves."

Knowland said the flying Senators believe they can do a constructive job for the American people who have lots of money tied up in supplies bases and installations of all kinds. He hopes his inspection trip will contribute to a "sound national policy" on handling surplus goods abroad. Associated Press.

In connection with Kilgore's further charges that the failure to break up the huge G. Farben Industries combine was an illustration of American reluctance to carry out the terms of the Potsdam Conference, the spokes-

Refugees Burning Ceylon Problem

COLOMBO, DEC. 28. ARE REFUGEES FROM THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES WELCOME IN CEYLON? THIS HAS BEEN A BURNING QUESTION SINCE THE ISLAND WAS THREATENED WITH A RICE CUT FOR CHRISTMAS WEEK THROUGH THE NON-ARRIVAL OF AN EXPECTED RICE SHIP. THE DUTCH NEWS AGENCY TO ALLAY PUBLIC FEARS, THE NEWSPAPERS TO-DAY PUBLISHED A STATEMENT THAT THERE WOULD NOT BE A DRAIN ON CIVIL STOCKS WITH THE ADVENT OF REFUGEES FROM JAVA, AS THAT WAS PURELY A MILITARY COMMITMENT AND THE MILITARY WOULD THEREFORE, PROVIDE ALL FOOD AND ACCOMMODATION.

In reply to the statement the wife of a British planter in Kandy has written to the news papers questioning the sincerity of the authorities, saying:

"One has the greatest sympathy for the Dutch in Java, especially for young children. One has also great sympathy for the Ceylonese in Ceylon. Charity begins at home, and until the present meagre rice ration and all other essential commodities are assured to all people in Ceylon, it is unfair of the Government to agree with the military to put a further strain on the island's resources."

WRONGLY INFORMED? The writer, according to the Dutch agency, said that she understands things are far from what they should be in the refugee camps.

"An epidemic of measles has developed amongst other things. I also hear that refugees in many cases, who are fit and well, expect to be waited on, and are not willing to do a good job of work for themselves."

"I hope that I have been wrongly informed. Whoever the military may be, whether the South-East Asia Command or the Ceylon Command, they have obviously undertaken rather too much."

The Dutch agency regards this as the opinion of a single individual.

Ceylon, it says, is fully sympathetic to refugees, and is doing its utmost to alleviate the hardships of these unfortunate people. Response to the various appeals has not gone unanswered, and the only regret seems to be that times are unfortunately such that much more cannot be done for humanity's sake. — Reuters.

Wants Long Sentence

Honolulu, Dec. 28. The Rt. Rev. Norman S. Bishop, Episcopal Bishop of the Philippines who was twice interned by the Japanese favours a long occupation of Japan.

He is en route to the United States to raise funds to rebuild churches which were destroyed in the ravaged areas. He said that an occupation of at least four years, possibly ten, would give the liberal and political elements enough time to exert a strong democratic influence.

The Bishop who recently visited Japan said that some quarters feared "the American army would be withdrawn too soon" and before the country was really liberalized. He found in Japan that most of the churches went underground during the war because "all manifestations of western civilization were under suspicion," but expressed the opinion that the churches "will have a better chance than ever before for the spreading of Christianity." Associated Press.

Charges Against U.S. Officials In Germany

FRANKFURT, DEC. 28. THE UNITED STATES MILITARY GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN HERE TO-DAY SAID: "WE KNOW OF NO ONE WORKING FOR HIS OWN SELFISH ENDS" WITHIN THE ARMY'S ADMINISTRATION OF THE AMERICAN OCCUPIED GERMANY.

The statement was made in reply to charges by Senator Harley M. Kilgore, Democrat of Virginia in Washington last Friday that some American officials now with the military government had done pre-war ties with the Nazis and were "still sympathetic to the cause of cartellism" and to their "old German cartel partners."

In connection with Kilgore's further charges that the failure to break up the huge G. Farben Industries combine was an illustration of American reluctance to carry out the terms of the Potsdam Conference, the spokes-

man pointed that the entire G. Farben question has been placed on the four-power level.

He said the United States had only 3.5 per cent of the Farben assets within the American zone, and that 59.5 per cent were in the Russian zone, with the remainder split between the British and the French.

The spokesman said the accusation that army men block industries, disarrangement as required by the Potsdam Conference had been worked before but did not hold up under an investigation. — Associated Press.

BRIDGE NOTES

"Please tell us how this should have been bid," writes C.R.U., of Kansas City, Mo. "We're sure both of us were wrong, but we don't know just what bids would be right."

East, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable
S. A K J 8
H. J 4
D. A Q 7
C. A Q 7 3
S. Q 4
H. K Q 10 8
D. 7 8
C. 10 9 5
S. 10 9 7 3
H. A 6 2
D. K J 6 2
C. K 6

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass Pass Pass 1 Q
1H. 1NT Pass 2NT
Pass Pass Pass

"As you can see, three notrump is a cinch, but we could have made six spades. North claimed that South's failure to bid one spade over East's heart overcall convinced him that the South hand didn't contain a four-card spade suit. He therefore saw no point in mentioning the spades, but went right to game in notrump."

"South demurred that his spade suit was a little too shabby to bid, and that the diamonds were too short. One notrump, he felt, while not a good bid, was the best available. What's your verdict?"

As usual, in questions of this sort, both players were wrong. Most experts would bid two diamonds with the South hand, rather than one notrump; and some of them would bid the spades in spite of their weakness. We do not like South's choice of one notrump, but care even less for North's jump to three notrump. North's second bid should be two spades—unless he can be quite positive that his partner would surely have bid any four-card spade holding if he had bid one. From there the road to Slam is easy. Probably, South would raise to four spades, and then North might bid five diamonds, South five hearts, and North six spades.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

S. K 9
H. J 9
D. A 10 9 5 3
C. A 10 7 5

The bidding:
Jacobov You Maier Schenken
1NT (?)

ANSWER: Pass. Your chance for a game is practically nil against the strong notrump opening bid; and there is no point in risking a sizeable penalty just to try for a partial score. Score 100 per cent for pass, 0 for any other bid.

QUESTION
To-day you are Oswald Jacobov's partner and with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

S. A Q 6
H. 10 5
D. Q J 9 7 6
C. K Q 4

The bidding:
You Schenken Jacobov Maier
1D Pass 1S Pass
(?)

What do you bid? (Answer To-morrow)

TRIBESMEN PARDONED

Manila, Dec. 28. President Sergio Osmeña has pardoned 218 prisoners, the bulk of 218 prisoners, many of the primitive tribesmen charged with head-hunting.

Osmeña issued a Christmas message: "Although many of our people are still homeless and still suffer from want the way now lies straight before us." The President signed an executive order releasing 7,000,000 pesos representing two months' back pay to government employees. Associated Press.

CHARITY FOOTBALL MATCH

FOR THE RELIEF OF CHINESE DISTRESS and CHINA RELIEF FUND ROYAL NAVY CHINESE. SUNDAY, 30th December, 1945 at Hongkong Ground Kick Off 3.30 P.M. Admission: \$6.00 (seats) \$1.00 (st. holding)

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BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION (HONG KONG) LEGAL BRANCH

In re: Custodian Proclamation No. 10 of 1945. SALE BY TENDER (S. 369)

The Administration is prepared to receive bids in writing for the purchase of the undernoted equipment as it stands, at heung Sar Wan Road, Shamshuipo.

One—Equipment for a Rice Mill, consisting of:—

- 1 Steam Engine, 30 H.P.
- 1 Wood burning boiler
- 2 Grinding machines
- 2 Pukas separators
- 1 Water tank
- 1 Iron sliding door
- 1 Wooden frame, etc.

Permission to view can be arranged with Office of Custodian of Property, 4th Floor, Windsor House.

Sealed Tenders in Triplicate should be deposited with the Chairman, Tenders Board, Public Works Branch, Civil Affairs, J.C. C.S.O. Building (Ground Floor), before Noon 7th January, 1946.

The Administration does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

R. A. WICKERSON, Custodian of Property. VICTORIA, 28th December, 1945.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION (HONG KONG) LEGAL BRANCH

In re: Custodian Proclamation No. 10 of 1945

SALE BY TENDER (S. 636)

The Administration is prepared to receive bids in writing for the purchase of the undernoted machinery as they stand, now lying at the North Point Installation of the Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.

One Electric Generating Unit of Japanese manufacture, mounted on a common bedplate consisting of:—

- 1—6 cylinder Gasoline Engine complete with accessories.
- 1—15 H.P.V.A. 220 V. A.C. Generator, complete with switchboard.

One Air Compressor Unit of Japanese manufacture mounted on a common bedplate on wheels consisting of:—

- 1—4 cylinder Gasoline Engine direct coupled to a 2-cylinder air compressor 6 1/2" bore by 6" stroke, complete with 2 air tanks, air hose and accessories.

Permission to view can be arranged with Office of Custodian of Property, 4th Floor, Windsor House.

Bids are to be made per unit. Sealed Tenders in Triplicate should be deposited with the Chairman, Tenders Board, Public Works Branch, Civil Affairs, J.C. C.S.O. Building (Ground Floor), before noon 7th January 1946.

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CHURCH NOTICE

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL
(Garden Road)

Sunday: 1st Sunday after Christmas.
Holy Communion at 7.15 a.m. & 8.00 a.m.
Masses & Sermon at 10.30 a.m.
Prayer: The Rev. The Bishop.
Holy Communion at 11.30 a.m. / Evening
Service at 6.30 p.m. / Preacher: Rev.
A. D. Stewart. Monday: New
Year's Eve. 31st Dec. Watch Night
Service at 11.30 p.m. / Preacher: Rev.
George She. Social Gathering at St.
John's Club at 8.00 p.m. / Daily Service
at 7.30 a.m. / Thursday: Holy Commu-
nion at 7.30 a.m. / Fellowship meeting
for prayers and bible study at 5.30 p.m.
in the Cathedral Hall. Friday: Choir
practice in the Cathedral at 5.30 p.m.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND AND
FREE CHURCH SERVICES

St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong.
Sunday: Evening Service at 5.00 p.m.
Holy Communion at 5.45 p.m. / New
Year's Eve at 11.30 p.m. / Watch Night
Service at 8.00 p.m. / Social gathering
at the St. John's Club.

China Fleet Club, Morning Service
at 9.30 a.m. / Holy Communion at
10.15 a.m. / Preacher: Rev. J. E. Ogilvie,
O.B.E., Chaplain R.N.
Evening—At Christ Church, Kow-
loon.

Sunday: At 11.00 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.
Prayer: Rev. A. Gordon, O.F.
These services are now held in Christ
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intersection with Prince Edward Road.

Transport for Service Personnel leaves
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Sunday: Morning Services. Holy
Mass at 6 a.m. / Holy Mass at 7 a.m.
(Sermon in Chinese) at 8 a.m. / Holy
Mass (Sermon in English & Chinese) at
10 a.m. / Holy Mass (Sermon in English)
at 10.30 a.m. / Afternoon Services. Catechism Class
at 3 p.m. / Holy Mass at 4 p.m. / Special
Prayer for the Forces.

Monday: Thanksgiving Service at
6.00 p.m.
Tuesday: Masses as on Sundays.

CATHOLIC CENTRE'S CHAPEL
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Sunday: Holy Mass, particularly for
the Forces at 5.30 p.m.
On week days: Holy Mass at 7.30 a.m.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH
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Sunday: Choral Mass followed by
 Benediction at 8 a.m. / On week days:
 Holy Mass at 8 a.m.

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH
(Happy Valley, Tel. 27897)

Sunday: Holy Mass (Sermon in Chi-
nese) followed by Benediction at 7 a.m.
Choral Mass (Sermon in English) at
9 a.m. / On week days: Holy Mass at 7 a.m.
Monday: Thanksgiving Service at
5.30 p.m.
Tuesday: Masses as on Sundays.

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(St. Louis Ind. School, Tel. 22126)

Sunday: Holy Mass (Sermon in Chi-
nese) at 6.30 a.m. / Holy Mass (Sermon
in Chinese) followed by Benediction at
8 a.m. / On week days: Masses at 6.30
and 7.15 a.m.
Tuesday: Masses as on Sundays.

ROSARY CHURCH
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Sunday: Holy Mass (Sermon in
Chinese) at 7.00 a.m. / Choral Mass
(Sermon in English) at 8.00 a.m. / Holy
Mass (Sermon in English) at 10.00 a.m.
Catechism: On week days: Masses at
6.30 and 7.30 a.m. / Monday, Dec. 18:
Thanksgiving Service at 5.45 p.m.
Tuesday, 1st January 1947: Masses as on
Sundays.

ST. TERESA'S CHURCH
(Prince Edward Road, Tel. 50217)

Sunday: Holy Mass (Sermon in
Chinese) at 6.30 a.m. / Choral Mass
(Sermon in English) at 8.00 a.m. / Holy
Mass (Sermon in English) at 10.00 a.m.
Catechism: On week days: Masses at
6.30 and 7.30 a.m. / Monday, Dec. 18:
Thanksgiving Service, with
Solemnity of the Holy Spirit, at 5.45 p.m.
Tuesday, 1st January, Masses as on
Sundays. Friday, Jan. 4th: The
Devotions of the First Fr day, at 7.15
a.m.

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Sunday Service 11 a.m. Deque do
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2nd floor, Queen's Road. The subject
of the Lesson Sermon in all Christian
Science Churches on Sunday-December
30, is: "CHRISTIAN SCIENCE."
The Golden Text: Isaiah 55:10, "The
ransomed of the Lord shall return, and
come to Zion with songs and everlasting
joy upon their heads; they shall obtain
joy and gladness, and sorrow and
sighing shall flee away." Christian
Science literature can be obtained or
loaned after the service. All are
welcome.

CHRIST CHURCH
(Waterloo Road, Kowloon Tong)

Sunday after Christmas. Holy Com-
munion at 7.30 a.m. Choral Eucharist
and Sermon at 9.45 a.m.

Brutal Mistreatment Of
American Woman

MALANG, DEC. 27.
THE STORY OF JAPANESE MISTREATMENT OF A WO-
MAN WAS TOLD BY THE VICTIM HERSELF WHO
WAS CHARGED WITH BEING PUBLIC ENEMY NUM-
BER ONE.

"THEY KEPT ME LOCKED IN A ROOM ALONE OFTEN
WITHOUT CLOTHES FOR A YEAR AND A HALF AND
MADE ME WALK ALONG THE MAIN STREET OF
POERWOKERTO STARK NAKED WITH A SIGN
"AMERICAN SPY." FOUR TIMES THEY FASTENED
ME BY THE ARMS BEHIND ME AND HUNG ME BY
THEM. AGAIN NAKED, UNTIL I FAINTED AND
THEY BROKE ALL MY TOES AND FINGERS BY HAM-
MERING THEM.

"Nothing could convince them
that I was not a spy," she said.
Her fellow internees confirm that
she was given the most brutal
treatment.

Vannan Manx, the victim, ran
the famous Balinese Koten
Beach Hotel where many of the
world's notables including
writers, actors and dignitaries
stayed. The hotel was destroyed
after the Japanese captured
Bali.

"I formerly lived in Holly-
wood but I do not like to talk
about that part of my life. I
could have had fame and fortune
when a terrible accident took
my husband and child and I fled
to Bali from San Francisco in 1931.

"The first five years I spent
in a Sultan's palace as his adopted
daughter, took a Balinese
name, learned the language and
custom and spent some time in
painting.

"Then I opened my hotel not
for the public but for the people
I liked to be with, writers, ar-
tists, musicians, and never the
populistic Dutch.

Acquaintances said that al-
though Manx has an American
passport she is a British sub-
ject and a native of the Isle of
Man. They said she was formerly
Married Pearson and married
to Hollywood artist named
Walker.

"My own dream is to go back
to America for three months
taking several representative In-
donesians to plead their cause
at Washington. Then I want to
return to Bali and do some
painting," Manx concluded.—As-
sociated Press.

GARMENTS FOR POOR

A batch of winter garments for
the Colony's poor and desti-
tute has arrived from Canton, in
the form of 3,000 padded coats
and 600 thick singlets, purchased
with the relief fund donated by
the Chinese Government.

These garments are being stored
and distributed by the Chung
Shing Benevolent Society at No.
127, Des Voeux Road Central, and
it is proposed to distribute them
in the first instance, to charitable
institutions at present functioning
as refugee reception centres, and
any balance is to be given to
street sleepers.

A further consignment is ex-
pected from Canton at an early
date.

WATER WARNING

During the last few days, many
water meters have been discon-
nected owing to non-registration
by property-owners. It is stated
that 300 more will be disconnected
in the next few days for the same
reason, unless they are registered
forthwith.

A recent order of the Water
Authority called on house-owners
to register and to give the neces-
sary undertaking to pay the
water accounts as they fall due.

Some landlords are absent from
the Colony, while others having
made it a practice for tenants to
pay the water account, failed to regis-
ter.

All the recent disconnections
arise from this cause, and it is
understood that the Water Author-
ity is willing to reconnect against
undertakings from consumers to
pay the water accounts, if the
landlords fail to come forward.

A Chinese Naval spokesman in
Canton reveals that since the
Japanese surrender China has
taken over ten gunboats at Whan-
gung and about 25 in Hong Kong,
the latter including destroyers
and torpedo-boats, ranging from
100 to 800 tons.

GOSPEL HALL
(Duddell Street)

A meeting for Worship and Prayers
will be held at No. 40, Gaine Road,
H.K., on Sunday, the 30th of Dec.,
at 11 a.m.

R. C. SERVICES FOR
H.M. FORCES

Sunday, at St. Joseph's Church:
Holy Mass at 9.00 hours. Preacher,
Rev. Fr. N. MacIntyre. At the Catholic
Cathedral: Holy Mass at 7.00: At the
Catholic Centre: Holy Mass at 7.30
hours. Monday, at the Catholic
Cathedral: Thanksgiving Service at 8.30
p.m. Tuesday, 1st Jan. 1947: At the
Catholic Cathedral and St. Joseph's
Church: Masses as on Sunday Morning.

Liverpool's
Futures Hang
By A Thread

London, Dec. 28.
Lieut.-Colonel W. R. Brownell,
President of the Liverpool Cotton
Association, told the Liverpool
Rotary Club that a vital govern-
ment decision on the future of the
Liverpool Cotton Market was ex-
pected at the end of the year, the
Exchange Telegraph reported.

Commenting that the matter was
still under consideration, Brownell
said that it affected the entire
civic life of Liverpool and the
trade of Lancashire and the
nation.

On Oct. 15, Sir Stafford Cripps,
President of the Board of Trade,
announced in the House of Com-
mons the formation of tri-partite
parties for cotton and other indus-
tries.

Later the same day in a press
conference, Cripps said that the
government had definitely decided
that none of the industries includ-
ed in the working parties scheme
could be nationalised, although
the working parties would be able
to make recommendations of any
kind outside of nationalisation it-
self.

In announcing the formation of
the tri-partite working parties,
Cripps held the step would be
taken in an effort to make British
industries more competitive in the
world market and to provide con-
sumers with the best goods at
cheap prices.—Associated Press.

Ships In The
Harbour

Following is the disposition of
ships in harbour:

Duke of York, W1; Argonaut,
between M11 and M12; Bermuda,
M4; Euryalus, M8; Troubridge,
No. 6; Adamant, M1; Tapir,
Tally Ho, Taurus, Turpin, on
Admiralty; Trump, Aberdeen D
Dock; Berry Head, All Buoy;
Bigbury Bay, S4; Black Swan,
E14; Hind, on Tormarket;
Opussum on Berry Head; Hotham,
S3; Sprague, S5; Challenger, W2.
Merchant Ships: Anbul, Tai-
kee; Empire Clarion D4; Esang
off Kowloon Dock; Fort Louisberg,
K1000; North; Japanese
Prince, A5 Buoy; Kwoing, Kow-
loon D Dock; Ninghai, E11; San
Dantless, Kowloon 3 South
Samlamu, Maches Wharf; Stag-
pool, Holt's No. 2.

Task Force 74:—Charleston,
A2 Buoy; Brannon, Vestel,
Cahaba, Douglas Munro, U.S.
Anchorage; Dufillo, B17; Haast,
Islander, Nonuca, Soubarisen,
U.S. Anchorage; Tanager, Kow-
loon Bay B3; Wabash AOG 4,
U.S. Anchorage.

Montclare, No. 6 Buoy; Artlex,
Dockyard North Arm; Dullisk
Cove, Maches Central; Diligence,
on Dullisk Cove; Empire Clyde,
A7; Vasma, Kowloon 4 South.

AMERICAN SHIPPING FOR
HONG KONG

The American President Lines
announced that no fewer than
seven American steamships will
be leaving the United States for
the Far East in January.

Among the first to arrive in
Hong Kong will be the "Flying
Mist," due here on or about Jan.
15.

India To Buy U.S.
Surpluses

New Delhi, Dec. 28.
United States surplus property
in India to the value of \$500,000-
000 dollars will be sold to the In-
dian Government under an agree-
ment announced to-day.

One of the greatest single
transactions of its nature in his-
tory, the deal is intended to pre-
vent any dislocation to Indian
economy that might have result-
ed if the American Foreign Li-
quidation Commission had con-
tinued the policy of piecemeal
disposal.

Half a billion dollars does not
represent actual sales prices, li-
quidation officials explained. It
is hoped to settle that problem in
January or February at a meet-
ing of representatives of both
governments in Washington. The
deal is expected to accelerate the
evacuation of U.S. troops from
India, control the distribution of
surpluses, facilitate the economic
adjustment and serve the general
welfare of the Indian people.

However, Major-General Tho-
mas A. Torry said that inactiva-
tion in the Indian theatre is still
some months off.

A similar sale was effected last
week in Iran with the idea of
getting United States troops out
by the end of the year.—Asso-
ciated Press.

An Old Friend
Returns

Followers of football will be
glad to learn that Commander
(now Captain) W. P. MacCarthy
of H.M.S. Tamar, who was in
1940 President of the Royal Naval
Recreation Club here is back in
the Colony.

He is in H.M.S. Argonaut which
arrived with "Duke of York"
last Friday.

Captain MacCarthy was a vice-
president of the Hong Kong Foot-
ball Association and a member of
the Appeals Board.

He did much for Navy sports
during his stay here. The Royal
Navy then had a very strong
soccer side, figuring prominently
in the League and being runners-
up in the Challenge Shield Com-
petition.

COMMISSION HITS
ROUGH WEATHER

Hamilton Field, Cal., Dec. 28.
The ten nation Far Eastern
Advisory Commission en route
from Washington to Japan was
forced down by weather and
arrived at Hamilton Field late
on Thursday on shuttle flights
from Fairfield, Cal.

Forty persons travelling in
two Army Transport Command
planes had to stop their scheduled
departure for Honolulu on Thurs-
day night.—Associated Press.

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vs. the Navy and the Army on the
H.K.C.C. ground on Saturday and
Sunday respectively. Play com-
mences at 11 a.m.

Navy—29th Dec.—Lt.-Col.
H. Owen Hughes (Capt.), Capt.
H. L. Ozerio, Capt. A. Rodriguez,
Lt. J. H. Davis, Lt. H. Russell,
Dr. E. L. Gosano, K. Nazarin, A.
R. Minu, L. G. Gosano, W. H.
Colledge, A. Zimmern, 12th man—
A. R. Kitchell.

Navy—20th Dec.—Lt.-Col.
H. Owen Hughes (Capt.), Capt.
K. W. Marshall, Lt. Collings, Lt.
H. Russell, A. R. Minu, Dr. E.
L. Gosano, N. A. Remedios, N. A.
Beltrao, A. R. Kitchell, Tpr. Milca,
Tpr. Ball, 12th man—G. N.
Gosano.

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KOREA TRUSTEESHIP

Full Text Of Moscow Agreement

Big Three Decision On Control In Tokyo

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Parliamentary Delegation Leaving Soon

London, Dec. 28.
The all-party delegation of members of the British Parliament to India will leave Britain by air on or about Jan. 2, it is understood from authoritative quarters here.
Prime Minister Attlee will receive the members of the delegation before they leave—probably on Monday, New Year's Eve—and give them his good wishes for their undertaking.

The delegation is expected to arrive at New Delhi on or about Jan. 5 and to spend at least the first two days of their visit as guests of the Viceroy, Lord Wavell.

The delegation will be free to go anywhere and consult anyone it pleases throughout India, consistent with the time at its disposal. The members of the party are expected to be absent from Britain for five or six weeks. Everything will be done to enable the delegates to return home with the clearest possible appreciation of the situation and of the views of Indian parties and leaders.

ASIATIC SOCIETY'S BOOKS LOOTED

Shanghai, Dec. 28.
A total of over 100,000 valuable books, mostly magazines, were stolen from the library of the Royal Asiatic Society here and shipped by the Japanese to Japan during the war, it is learned.

The library authorities are said to have requested the Central Research Institute in Chungking to assist them to recover the books, which are believed to be now housed in the Tokyo Racial Research Institute of Japan.

The Museum of the same Society, for some strange reason, was left untouched by the Japanese. —Reuter.

Yamashita Gets No Sympathy In America

NEW YORK, DEC. 28.
LIEUT.-GENERAL YAMASHITA'S CASE CONTINUES TO DRAW MUCH EDITORIAL COMMENT IN THE AMERICAN PRESS WITH ALL PAPERS AGREEING THAT THE DEATH SENTENCE WAS JUSTIFIED.
THE ST. LOUIS POST DISPATCH SAID THAT THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT'S AGREEMENT TO CONSIDER YAMASHITA'S APPEAL "IS A MAGNIFICENT DISPLAY OF IMPERSONALITY OF LAW IN A WORLD IN WHICH LAWLESSNESS HAS LATELY RUN AMOK."

The paper asserted the Japanese general had won no right to be treated as a human being but added "the law is the law and the Supreme Court will consider the appeal as if Yamashita were a man and deserved it."

The Honolulu Star Bulletin asserted that the Yamashita death sentence "should serve as a reminder to other war criminals on trial or due to be tried in Europe and Asia how strong is the shadow of the noose that hangs over them."

NO EXCUSE
The "Star Bulletin" held that Yamashita's defense that he personally was unaware of the atrocities was unimpressive and pointed out that the general's troops violated another country during peace-time and created an incident which involved Japan in heavy damages profuse apologies by Yamashita's superiors in Tokyo would have held him responsible for the actions of his forces.

The paper added that Yamashita knew of the reputation of the Japanese army which had participated in previous unrestrained atrocities, especially in the rape of Nanking; therefore he had a reasonable expectation that the Japanese troops would commit the same crimes in the Philippines, unless he imposed vigorous restraints.

MEANS NOTHING
The "San Francisco Chronicle," discussing Yamashita's appeal, said that the writ of the Supreme Court is effective in the Philippines which is American territory, and added: "The fact that the Supreme Court has granted him a stay does not necessarily mean it believes it has jurisdiction; a stay is ordinarily automatic when the Court decides to examine a petition."

The "New York Times," in an editorial, said that in the Yamashita trial the whole of the Japanese military clique and its twisted code "also was in the prisoner's dock" and added: "There can be no defense offered against atrocities committed at any time especially in a war of aggression."

The "New York Tribune" said that if the death verdict is not upset on the appeal it "will establish a precedent."

SUDDEN DEATH
Atlanta, Georgia, Dec. 28.
Col. James W. Duckworth, who supervised hospitals on Bataan during the 1941 fighting and later served in various Japanese-operated prison camps, died yesterday of a heart attack. He was wounded last February in the surprise raid of American scouts on the Cabanatuan prison camp on Luzon in the Philippines. —Associated Press.

ATOMIC ENERGY CONTROL
Washington, Dec. 28.
The National Lawyers' Guild today urged that control of atomic energy be given to the United Nations Security Council.

In a statement directed to the United States Secretary of State James Byrnes, the guild said that the British Canadian and American declaration on atomic power was "a departure from the entire structure" of the United Nations Organization. —Associated Press.

DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST GEORGIAN PROPOSALS
THAT A LARGE STRIP OF TURKISH BLACK SEA TERRITORY GO TO RUSSIA AND A DECLARATION THAT THE TURKS WOULD PERISH BEFORE YIELDING WERE REPORTED YESTERDAY FROM THE VITAL PORT OF TREBIZOND.

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Blood Plasma

Washington, Dec. 28.
Enough blood plasma to meet civilian requirements for the next two years is being distributed throughout the United States for free use. This was arranged by the Red Cross after the Army and Navy had declared surplus units representing 2,000,000 blood donations.
The veterans' administration was supplied with a five-year stock. —Associated Press.

MacArthur's Powers Untouched

Washington, Dec. 28.
General MacArthur's powers as Supreme Allied Commander became virtually unchanged by the Big Three Foreign Ministers' decision on Japan at the meeting in Moscow.

The four-power council established for Japan is given only the function of "consulting with and advising" the Supreme Commander.

In addition, General MacArthur has been made Chairman, as the United States member of the Council.

The agreement increased the policy-making powers of the Far Eastern Commission but provided a method of voting under which the United States could block any attempt to change directives which General MacArthur is already carrying out.

The Commission is pledged to respect the existing control machinery in Japan including the chain of command from the United States Government to the Supreme Commander's command of the occupation forces. —Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 28.
Secretary of War Patterson today announced the appointment of Lieut. General Leroy Lutes as Commanding-General of the Army Service forces effective January 1, succeeding General B. Somervell, who is retiring. —Associated Press.

Two Huge Strikes Loom
New York, Dec. 28.
Threats of two huge strikes which, if 100 per cent effective, would involve about 500,000 workers, darkened the United States labor picture today.

A walk-out of 200,000 C.I.O. workers from the plants of the top-three electrical industries was termed as "inevitable" by Union leaders and may be called for late next week.

A nationwide stoppage of telephone employees was seen by an independent Union spokesman as a possible aftermath of a strike scheduled for next Thursday by the Western Electric Co. workers in the New York and New Jersey areas. —Associated Press.

Byrnes Plane Diverted
Moscow, Dec. 28.
The plane carrying the United States Secretary of State Mr. James Byrnes back to Washington from the Foreign Ministers' Conference took the Naples-Casablanca-Azores route at the last minute when bad weather over Central Europe was discovered, it was reported here today. —Associated Press.

Anti-Russian Scenes In Trebizond
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American P.O.W. Starved To Death

YOKOHAMA, DEC. 28.
AMERICAN MARINE CORPORAL JAMES G. PAVLOKOS SHRANK FROM 170 TO 55 POUNDS BEFORE HE DIED OF STARVATION IN A JAPANESE PRISON CAMP GUARDHOUSE, SAID AN AFFIDAVIT INTRODUCED TODAY INTO THE WAR CRIMES TRIAL OF FIRST LIEUT. KEI YURI.
YURI WAS THE FORMER COMMANDANT OF THE OMUTA (KYUSHU) PRISON CAMP AND IS THE SECOND DEFENDANT TO FACE THE UNITED STATES MILITARY COMMISSION HERE ON ATROCITY CHARGES.

Major Thomas Hill Hewlett, of New Orleans, medical officer captured at Corregidor and subsequently imprisoned at Omuta prison camp, testified in an affidavit as follows:
"I saw his (Pavlokos') body. He weighed only 55 lbs. whereas he usually weighed about 170 lbs."

The witness said Pavlokos, known as the "mad Greek" was accused of stealing food and was turned over to the Japanese by Lieut. C. N. Little, U.S.N., an officer prisoner. He said that Pavlokos escaped from the guardhouse but was recaptured while carrying a parcel which the Japanese said was food stolen during his brief freedom.

Corporal James C. Gunter, of New Mexico, said that Pavlokos was given a beating lasting 15 to 20 minutes and then confined to the guardhouse for 39 days until his death. Gunter's affidavit said that for the first 25 days of his confinement Pavlokos was given only a little rice and then no food was given him in the last 14 days until he died.

SELLING RICE
Gunter also said that Lieut. Little turned the Greek over to the Japanese on a charge of selling rice while on K. P. duty.

The prosecution introduced one affidavit in the morning session in connection with the death of Pte. Noah Heard who was allegedly bayoneted to death on May 31, 1944, before American cheer prisoners.

Yuri was accused of ordering the guards to beat Heard.

Major Robert William Schott, of Glendale, California, a dentist officer who was captured in Bataan, testified that Heard was captured with a cap and a watch belonging to a Japanese guard.

NO TRIAL
Schott, in his affidavit, said he knew Heard was given no hearing or trial. He submitted with the affidavit a picture of the Japanese in which he identified Yuri who was wearing an officer's uniform.

The prosecution also indicated it would charge Yuri with responsibility for the treatment of prisoners of the Mitsui Mining Company on the contention that as camp commander, Yuri was responsible for the work details and treatment of men while working. —Associated Press.

BYRNES PLANE DIVERTED
Moscow, Dec. 28.
The plane carrying the United States Secretary of State Mr. James Byrnes back to Washington from the Foreign Ministers' Conference took the Naples-Casablanca-Azores route at the last minute when bad weather over Central Europe was discovered, it was reported here today. —Associated Press.

Anti-Russian Scenes In Trebizond
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FRANCE "HAS SUFFERED TOO MUCH FROM INTERNATIONAL MONETARY DISORDER NOT TO SUPPORT THE BRETON WOODS AGREEMENT. FINANCE MINISTER RENE PLEVEN DECLARED LAST NIGHT DURING A FULL DRESS FINANCIAL DEBATE IN THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY. Pleven called the financial accord "the first attempt to deliver the world from the evils of financial disorders and payment restrictions."

He also offered an explanation of devaluation of the franc during the day.

The debate on the monetary plan began early and with several recesses lasted until late at night. The hour at which a vote would be taken remained in doubt.

Pleven conceded that "certain criticisms" could be raised against the agreement, saying "it is to be feared that the monetary fund will not be sufficient that dollars will be lacking and that dissuasion, resulting from the war, cannot be compensated for in ever case through credit." — Associated Press.

YOUNG CHIANG RUMOUR

CHUNGKING, DEC. 28.
The Chinese press reported that Chiang Chun-kuo, eldest son of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, left for Moscow Tuesday. Official quarters refused to confirm or deny the report.

The press said young Chiang, who is a special commissioner for foreign affairs in Manchuria, would be consulted on Sino-Soviet problems under discussion by the "big three" foreign ministers in Moscow. Official reference might indicate the report was well founded. — Associated Press.

STOP PRESS
London, Dec. 28.
The Dutch Aneta News Agency today reported that the discussions which are at present taking place between Mr. Attlee and Dutch Government officials are making satisfactory progress.

The Agency said that the conference had virtually completed its business in the first of the two scheduled days. — Associated Press.

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WAR-TIME IMPORTS

Statistics of Britain's war-time imports tell a tale which encourages no false hopes of easy living in the first few years after the war. When the White Paper on Britain's war effort revealed that the total tonnage of imports during the war, including munitions, had been kept to less than half the peacetime figure, it suggested that the fall in the volume of commercial imports, though it could hardly be as big as the fall of 60 per cent. in the volume of exports, might also have been heavy. The full facts show, however, that the quantity of imports in 1944, munitions excluded, was only 21 per cent. less than in 1938. Moreover, these commercial purchases overseas were costing very much more. While average values of imports in 1944 were up by 78 per cent., the average values of imports were up by as much as 91 per cent. Thus the total value of retained imports (munitions still excluded) rose to successive peaks of £1,226,554,000 in 1943 and £1,298,836,000 in 1944, compared with only £367,984,000 in 1938. Total imports, including munitions, reached the huge totals of £1,885,000,000 in 1943 and £2,361,000,000 in 1944.

These figures cannot be directly related in any precise terms to the balance of payments during the war. From 1941 onwards a large part of the imports was received under lend-lease arrangements—more than half the total of non-munitions imports in 1944 came from the United States and Canada. The huge and for the most part unknown figures involved in lend-lease, mutual aid, payments for British forces overseas and their supplies, and payments to allied and imperial forces in this country, make it impossible to reckon exactly the relation of the excess of imports over exports to the total balance of payments. It is noteworthy, however, that the average import surplus for the five years 1940-44 was (munitions excluded) about £847,000,000 a year, which happens to correspond approximately with the known rate of deterioration in the net balance of Britain's overseas assets and liabilities.

From the immediate point of view the deficit in commercial trade of over £1,000,000,000 in 1944 is undoubtedly the most disturbing feature. The use of imports and huge adverse balance of that or any other year cannot be criticised or even regretted. The policy of accepting a large and accumulating deficit on international account was, together with the sacrifice of export trade and overseas assets and the contracting of a large foreign debt, deliberately chosen as part — and a very important part — of the total sacrifice of waging the war. But it should be clearly recognised now that the incalculable legacy is a large and accumulated debt and a huge current adverse balance of trade no longer supported by lend-lease and only partly by the further selling up of liabilities overseas. The time is close at hand when it must be supported by exports, which will inevitably involve continued self-denial.

SMALL FIRE LAST NIGHT

A small fire broke out in the rear cubicle of the 3rd floor of No. 215, Queen's Road, Central, at about 9.40 p.m. yesterday. One occupant was seen and the fire was quickly extinguished. The occupants were cooking on a gas stove and the fire was caused by a gas leak. The fire was quickly extinguished and no one was injured.

The forthcoming marriage of Miss Muriel T. Lee, of No. 8, Seymour Road, to Mr. Norman Brock Choung, L.A. engineer, has been announced.

A fire broke out at about 8 p.m. yesterday afternoon in an air-raid tunnel off Kat On Street, Wan-chai, but was quickly put out without causing any serious damage.

Admiral Harcourt On Current World Crisis

HIS EXCELLENCY THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, REAR-ADMIRAL SIR GEORGE HARCOURT, SPOKE YESTERDAY AT THE CELEBRATION BY THE CHINESE YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY.

The chairman of the Association, Dr. F. C. Woo, M.B.E., made a brief speech concerning the hard work of members of the association while Miss Ship Tak-ling, general secretary, reported on the work of the association.

Among those present were Lieut.-Comdr. Wright, the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, the Right Reverend Bishop R. O. Hall and many other guests.

Addressing the gathering, His Excellency said:

"I did not really come here this afternoon to make a speech to you, but primarily to make your acquaintance and also to learn more about the work that has been done and that you are still doing here in Hong Kong. I would, however, just like to say this: 'Although the actual armed fighting of this war has ceased, there is still a long way to go before there can be any peace in the world.'"

"Conflict still rages between different forms of ideology, not only for instance between Democracy

and Autocracy, but even between the concepts of what is and what is not democratic government."

DIFFERENT IDEAS

"For instance, from what one reads in the press it would appear that the Russians have a very different idea of democratic government than the British. It is important, therefore, to get a true idea of what this conflict fundamentally is."

"The best public analysis of the fundamental nature of this conflict was, in my opinion, made by the late Archbishop of Canterbury, who in a broadcast, said that the battle really was between the concept of man as an animal and of man as a spiritual being. That to my mind, sums up the whole conflict."

"The thing that we have fought for in the British Empire is that man is an individual with a right to freedom and well being and that the State exists for the protection of the individual."

"The Nazi concept of life is that man exists purely for the State and thus is treated much more as an animal than as a spiritual entity."

GREAT RESPONSIBILITY

"But there is one thing that I would like to remind you of and that is that with this freedom for which we have fought, there also goes a great responsibility to the world at large and to our fellow citizens in particular. This must never be forgotten and must be reflected in our actions."

"Whether they know it or not, this fundamental conflict is still going on in the minds of people throughout the world, especially the young people who are trying to think out their problem and make their way in life."

"These young people need protection, wise counsel and encouragement in their battle in life and an organisation such as yours here in the Young Women's Christian Association can do so much to help them and are doing it. It is a fine work and I am glad to have this opportunity of wishing you all success."

Star Theatre's Reopening

The Star Theatre in Kowloon will echo the footsteps of first-class theatres when it is reopened in the ENSA Garrison Theatre on New Year's Day.

It is indeed fitting that the 20 years silence should be broken by the return of such leading actors and actresses as John Gielgud and his Company of Stars which include such well known favourites as Irene Browne, Marion Spencer, Hazel Terry and George Howe.

They will present Noel Coward's sparkling comedy "Blithe Spirit" which is threatening to break all records in London.

The Box Office opens on Monday, Dec. 31 at the times advertised. To avoid disappointment, the attention of All Ranks is drawn to the ENSA advertisement in the local newspapers.

To prevent embarrassment it is again stressed that owing to the limited run of "Blithe Spirit," ENSA regrets that it cannot invite civilian guests.

Burma Leader Departs

South East Asia Command has lost one of the greatest and most popular generals of the Burma Campaign in the departure of Major-General T. W. Rees, who is on his way to Greece to take over command of the 46th Indian Division.

Better known as Peter the Chota General Sahib, this colourful personality and dashing figure led the 19th Indian Leger Division in the capture of Mandalay. In the darkness of the early morning, hundreds of officers and men gathered to bid him goodbye. "I am leaving with a sad and heavy heart. I feel like a father who is leaving his children," said the general.

Tears filled the eyes of stalwart sepoys as they waved their Chota General Sahib Goodbye.

CHINESE HOTELS PROSPERING

Chinese hotels and boarding houses, whose number dwindled to less than 20 during the war, are now showing signs of renewed activity, and many of those that closed down are re-opening. Many people who have come back from the interior have put up in these establishments until they find housing accommodation, which is not an easy matter, so that not infrequently the "full house" sign is out, especially at the cheaper houses.

COLONY'S SUPPLIES

A cargo of harbour craft for naval use was brought in by the m.v. Empire Chairman, which arrived here from Australia. The cargo includes a large quantity of foodstuffs. The m.v. Chairman sailed yesterday with re-stocked and returned service personnel for Singapore and Malaya. The m.v. Empire Chairman, which is a large cargo ship, is expected to arrive here from Hong Kong. The m.v. Chairman is sailing for Bangkok for another rice cargo for Hong Kong.

SPECIAL MISSION

General Chan Chit-tong arrived in Canton on December 29 by steam launch from Wuchow, and is staying at Victoria Hotel. The General is on a special mission from Chungking to discuss the situation in the Yangtze valley with the Chinese Government. He is expected to stay in Canton for some time before returning to Chungking.

More Planes For C.N.A.C.

According to a message from Canton, the C.N.A.C. have acquired another 10 Douglas planes from the United States to augment their present services.

Four of these new planes have been down to Kuning from India, and two have already been put on test flights on the Canton-Shanghai-Hankow routes. It is said that the additional planes will first be put on the Kuning-Canton line to speed up the accumulated freight and passenger traffic.

When all the 10 planes have been delivered the Company's schedule on all routes will be revised.

R.A.F. "Raid" On Q.M. Hospital

R.A.F. OFFICERS OF AIR HEADQUARTERS, HONG KONG, DEPARTED FROM TRADITION BY SENDING NOT ONE BUT A WHOLE SECTION OF FATHER CHRISTMAS ON AN UNUSUAL SORTIE TO QUEEN MARY'S ROYAL NAVY HOSPITAL, WHERE THE CIVILIAN PATIENTS INCLUDE ABOUT 80 CHILDREN UP TO THE AGE OF 14 OR 15.

The two Father Christmases were Squadron-leader Denzil Jenkins, D.F.C. and Flt/Lt. J. E. F. Jacklin.

For the traditional red cloaks they had to use a red dressing gown and a nurse's cape turned inside out; for snow boots they used a pair of mosquito boots and a pair of jungle knee boots; and Hong Kong was able to provide them both with appropriate red hoods and flowing beards.

Much of the important ground staff work necessary before the operation could be undertaken was done by Flt/Lt. Jacklin and Flt/Lt. Harold Sumner. In order to score as many direct hits as possible it was essential that the age and sex of each child should be known so that the 30 parcels could be made up and labelled accordingly.

There was one near miss. A box of thirteen found himself with a doll and a girl's handbag, amongst other things, but this seemed to delight him as much as it dismayed the two Fathers Christmas, who spent an hour over the target area before all the fruit, chocolate and toys had been distributed.

Thirty officers subscribed a total of 350 dollars to make the sortie a success.

ESCAPEE FROM SINGAPORE

Squadron-leader Jenkins was formerly commander of the Burma (257) Squadron of rocket-fighters in Europe. Flt/Lt. Jacklin, who has been in the R.A.F. since 1936, was amongst those who escaped from Singapore in the Empire Star. Only seventy miles out to sea on the way to Java, the Empire Star was attacked by 60 Japanese aircraft, which scored three direct hits on the ship. Flying a Blenheim, he was amongst the half-frozen pilots who made a last desperate attack on the Japanese bombers based at Sunpatani before Tengat-airfield (Singapore) had to be abandoned.

LUCKY ESCAPEE

Flt/Lt. Sumner, a radar expert, served with an operations filter room unit through Burma

Names Come Off Black List

AS A RESULT OF THE CHANGED POSITION SINCE THE CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES THERE IS NO REASON TO MAINTAIN THE PROHIBITION ON TRADING WITH CERTAIN PERSONS AND COMPANIES WITH WHOM TRADING WAS PROHIBITED DURING HOSTILITIES.

On the other hand, there are still a very considerable number with regard to whom trading cannot yet be recommended.

An Order has been published by the British Military Administration in Hong Kong which gives a list of business organizations as additions to or deletions from the list with whom trading is not permitted.

Insofar as the original schedule of organizations with whom trading was prohibited is not complete through destruction of papers, any deletions from list contained in the new Order, which might not have been continued in the earlier schedule, should be treated as declarations of ability to trade with the persons to whom reference has so been made.

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Singapore Controls

Singapore, Dec. 28. Import and export controls will be enforced in Singapore beginning Jan. 1, an announcement yesterday said.

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Clansmen Involved In Curious Case

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Five of the accused, Chan by the first five accused near Eastern Street. After being robbed of the money and watches the accused demanded \$1,500 from witness.

"GUARANTORS" Witness took the accused to a friend's house to raise the money but was unsuccessful. At the suggestion of one of the accused they all went to Lo Po's house. There they had some discussion in the course of which the accused, in front of Lo Po, Lo Chan and Lo Hung-chai, demanded money from witness. Later witness went to another friend's house to raise the money. He was accompanied by Lo Po, Lo Chan and Lo Hung-chai who went along as guarantors for the payment of the sum demanded. As witness failed to raise the money he gave his overcoat to Lo Hung-chai as security.

After further corroborative evidence hearing was adjourned to Monday morning at 10 a.m.

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U.N.O.'S BITTER PROBLEMS

Opening Session To Be Held In London

WONG HEAD DEAD

Los Angeles, Dec. 28. In a setting of Oriental magnificence, funeral services were held for Wong Teco, 48. He operated a small grocery store but as President of the Wong family association he headed the house which numbers 30,000 Chinese in the United States.

Hundreds of mourners, two brass bands and a mass of flowers marked the services. —Associated Press.

Peace In Indo-China Forecast

New York, Dec. 28. Possibility of a peaceful settlement of the French-Indo-China unrest is foreseen by Col. Stephen L. Nordlinger, who has returned from two years in China and Indo-China.

Nordlinger went to Indo-China from China last August as head of an American rescue mission to liberate 5,000 prisoners in Hanoi. They found the prisoners were not American, but mostly French foreign legion veterans originally held by the Japanese but turned over to the Annamites. Nordlinger said that although the Annamites have come out for complete independence, a dominion compromise would be acceptable.

Before a dominion concession would be acceptable, however, the agreement would have to be guaranteed by the United Nations, the colonel predicted, adding: "Unless some arrangement is made, I fear for the safety of about 7,000 French in Indo-China north of the 16th parallel."

Nordlinger explained there was now a violent anti-French feeling among the Annamites, but he thinks they can be pacified by a settlement with the French. —Associated Press.

Unique Election Poll By Observers

WASHINGTON, DEC. 28. MORE THAN 600 AMERICANS WILL GO INTO ALL PARTS OF GREECE SHORTLY AS ELECTION OBSERVERS IN A PROJECT WHICH IS BELIEVED UNIQUE IN HISTORY.

THE SIZE OF THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION AND THE EXHAUSTIVE SCOPE OF THE PROJECT WERE DISCLOSED BY INFORMED GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHO ASKED TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS.

STATEHOOD FOR HAWAII

Honolulu, Dec. 28. Governor Ingram M. Stainback expressed pleasure over Secretary of Interior Ickes' recommendation that Hawaii be granted statehood and said he hoped Congress would not quickly to make the territory the 49th state. He said Hawaii now bears the burden of statehood without the privileges. —Associated Press.

CHRISTMAS PRESENT

Manila, Dec. 28. The People's Court handed a tough present on Christmas Eve to Apolonio Carlos, former chauffeur, accused of having been an informer for the Japanese gendarmes.

Carlos drew life imprisonment and was fined 7,000 pesos for giving the Japanese information, leading to the arrest and torture of three of his fellow countrymen. He will appeal to the Philippine Supreme Court. —Associated Press.

MRS. BURNHAM DEAD

Pasadena, California, Dec. 28. Mrs. Margaret S. Burnham, 85, widow of Mr. D. H. Burnham, Chicago architect, died last night.

Burnham before his death in 1912, pioneered the steel and masonry construction which made possible skyscrapers and was architect in the Chicago Fair in 1893, having planned several Washington D.C. structures and the Summer capital of Baguio in the Philippines. Mrs. Burnham is the daughter of Mr. John B. Sherman who founded the Chicago Union Stockyards. —Associated Press.

POLICE GO OVER

Moscow, Dec. 28. A Tass dispatch from Tashkent said that "border" and "border" police in Maku and Shikhar in north-western Iran, near the Turkish border have placed themselves under the new self-proclaimed autonomous government of Azerbaijan Province. —Associated Press.

Atomic Bomb Not On Agenda

WASHINGTON, DEC. 28. THE FIRST SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION OPENS ON JAN. 10 WITH MANY BITTER PROBLEMS TO FACE IN ITS TASK OF KEEPING PEACE.

THE FIRST SESSION IS A MEETING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN WHICH ALL 61 MEMBER NATIONS WILL PARTICIPATE. THE FIRST SESSION WILL BE DIVIDED INTO TWO MEETINGS.

Starting on Jan. 10 the first meeting will last at least three weeks to two months during which time the members will set up the machinery to make the U.N.O. a working organization. The second meeting is expected to begin in April, perhaps in the United States, since this country has been selected as its permanent headquarters.

No great problem such as the atomic bomb is on the programme of the London meeting, although any nation is free to bring up the subject.

MAIN JOBS

The London meeting may sound pretty dull, like the San Francisco Conference, where the delegates worked weeks in Committees haggling over a word or phrase to whip up the charters.

One of the main jobs of the first meeting will be to elect six small nations as temporary members of the Security Council.

The United States, Britain, France, Russia and China are permanent members. It is the Security Council and not the Assembly which will have the real job of preserving peace, once it is created.

There is plenty of work for the first Assembly meeting though not very important. It consists mainly of setting up agencies of the U.N.O. and electing officials. Preparations for this meeting have been going on for months.

ONE VOTE

Right after the San Francisco Conference last Spring an executive committee of 14 nations, including the U.S., was appointed to draw up the programme for the

Strike Talks On Again

Detroit, Dec. 28. Officials of the General Motors Corporation and the United Automobile Workers Union today planned to resume negotiations, but the wage issue of the Union's demand for a 30 per cent increase was not scheduled for discussion, it was reported today.

The meeting, said Union Vice-President Reuther, was to deal only with the procedure for handling local grievances in the absence of a working contract.

The agreements between the Company and the Union were cancelled after the strike of 175,000 persons on Nov. 21.

The principals in the long dispute were scheduled to be in Washington on Friday when the fact-finding panel resumes its studies.

Meanwhile, picketing was resumed at the General Motors four plants at Flint, Michigan, and an additional two to three thousand office workers were permitted entry at the higher body and the Chevrolet plants. —Associated Press.

PRESIDENT TO BRAVE ELEMENTS AGAIN

Kansas City, Dec. 28. President Truman said he will make a radio address shortly after his return to Washington on an overall legislative programme and the state of the nation.

President Truman will explain his programme for ending the strikes at a news conference here after seeing his mother for a second visit in two days.

He intends to fly on Friday the weather permitting, he told reporters. His flight here was one of the roughest he has had but he won't abandon his intention of his return flight unless the weather becomes worse. —Associated Press.

ALLIED PROPERTY IN JAPAN

Tokyo, Dec. 28. The supreme Allied command today ordered the Japanese government to submit the names and addresses and other data concerning wartime administrators of Allied properties as part of the programme to return confiscated property to owners. The property of Allied nationals was placed in custody of more than 100 administrators in December 1941. —Associated Press.

NEW AGENCY

Seoul, Korea, Dec. 28. A new Korean news agency, Hapdong (Pacific Press) is beginning independent operation in this newly liberated land, with arrangements to receive news from the Associated Press by radio. It will use the facilities of Japan's former Domei agency. The news agency embraces nine newspapers and one radio station and is headed by Kim Sung Dong. —Associated Press.

KURILE WAR GAMES

Moscow, Dec. 28. The Army newspaper "Red Star" reports that Soviet soldiers in the Kuriles islands are busily engaged in battle study despite severe weather conditions prevailing there. The Kuriles stretch northward from the northern Japanese homeland to Kamchatka peninsula. —Associated Press.

Madrid, Dec. 28. An official bulletin yesterday announced a "special tribunal" for repression of Masonry and Communism had acquired 118 persons since August 11, 1942. —Associated Press.

TRAGEDY FEAR

Santa Barbara, Calif., Dec. 28. An explosion rocked downtown Santa Barbara Wednesday night, shattered windows for several blocks and started a roaring fire in a deer warren below a series of apartments.

A deputy sheriff said "It would be a miracle if anyone escaped" from the structure. No immediate check was available on the occupants. —Associated Press.

Don't Know What's Ahead

Portland, Oregon, Dec. 28. Two trainloads of Japanese arrived from Tulake, California, to board the Japan-bound transport "General Gordon".

Some 1,800 Japanese men, women and children are bound for Japan at their own request or by deportation orders.

Masako Babe, a Los Angeles born girl of 18, said she and her family were glad to be leaving. "We are all eager to be in Japan," Another said: "My family and I want to leave here, that's all."

Only one boy of the many when questioned by reporters said he would prefer to remain in the United States. —Associated Press.

Vital French Interest In The Balkans

PARIS, DEC. 28. THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT PREPARED ITS REPLY YESTERDAY TO A JOINT BRITISH-RUSSIAN-UNITED STATES COMMUNICATION ON THE FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONFERENCE DECISIONS CONCERNING THE BALKANS. FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCES INDICATED THE FRENCH REPLY, PROBABLY EXPRESSING RESERVATIONS, WOULD BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE END OF THE WEEK.

THESE SOURCES POINTED OUT THAT FRANCE FEELS SHE HAS VITAL INTERESTS IN THE BALKANS AND AT THE LONDON FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONFERENCE REQUESTED THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PREPARATION OF THE PEACE TREATIES FOR BULGARIA, RUMANIA AND HUNGARY, AS WELL AS FOR ITALY.

The Moscow conference's Balkan decision was communicated to General George Catroux, French Ambassador there, shortly before Christmas. General de Gaulle and Foreign Minister Georges Bidault conferred on the subject at length on Tuesday.

The two French leaders also discussed "certain local difficulties" that have arisen between the French and British military experts in Beirut over the simultaneous withdrawal from Syria of French and British troops, an announcement said.

Although there has been no official explanation of these "difficulties" which are believed to have virtually brought the talks to a standstill, diplomatic circles here said they have arisen over the points to which the two bodies of troops are to be withdrawn.

According to the recent French-British agreement on the withdrawal, the French forces are to retire to Lebanon. It was not decided, however, where the British would be withdrawn.

Information from Beirut said the British were insisting on a withdrawal to Lebanon also, but the French were refusing on the grounds that it would give the British an overwhelming troop superiority there.

The problem, meanwhile, has been referred back to London and Paris for decision. It was learned that the Lebanese situation in Paris issued a communique stating that "Lebanon, which has the same rights as all member states of the United Nations Organization, demands the total simultaneous evacuation of all foreign troops stationed on her territory."

The statement asserted that the tiny Levant state "refuses to become a bridgehead for use against the independence of the Arab countries." —Associated Press.

STALLED IN SNOW

Kansas City, Missouri, Dec. 28. Twenty-five home-bound Missouri and Illinois servicemen, who left Denver Sunday night in a moving van, were stalled in snow-swept Kansas and forced to complete the last lap of their journey by train. They had borrowed the big truck from a furniture company in hopes of avoiding the traffic congestion which has developed on the railroads, with thousands of men returning from the Pacific. —Associated Press.

U.S. Plan For Returned Servicemen

Washington, Dec. 28.

Reconversion employment of war veterans and war plant employees primarily is a problem to the local communities and the individual worker himself, Representative Scrivener, Republican of Kansas said today.

"The solution to the whole problem is the individual worker himself the government being called in only as a last resort," Scrivener told a reporter.

Despite President Truman's veto of legislation to return the U.S. employment service to the control of the States, Scrivener said he expected the move would be made before June. He said he felt there was being implied a pledge that the functions of the Employment Service would be returned by government to the States by the end of the war.

He said: "The shooting war" has ended, and added that he believed "the pledge should be kept." —Associated Press.

BY NEW YEAR MAYBE

San Francisco, Dec. 28. Army and Navy officials today indicated that most of the 170,000 stranded Pacific war veterans who spent Christmas in the Pacific Coast port cities will get home before the New Year's day.

They hope to be moving about 53,000 men in December. A similar speed up is expected from other ports primarily as a result of the decrease in the number of arrivals by ship rather than the increase in transportation facilities.

The San Francisco and Los Angeles bottlenecks are daily sending about 15,000 men to the east. —Associated Press.

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Chinese Regaining Malaya Position

SINGAPORE, DEC. 20.—
CHINESE IN SINGAPORE AND MALAYA ARE LOOK-
ING FORWARD TO THE DAY WHEN THEY HOPE IT IS
COMING SOON—WHEN THEIR INTERESTS WILL BE
MORE EFFECTIVELY REPRESENTED BY THE OFFI-
CIAL CHUNGKING GOVERNMENT. THERE STILL IS
NO INFORMATION AS TO THE PROSPECTIVE ARRIV-
VAL OF THE CHINESE CONSUL GENERAL RE-
PORTED TO HAVE BEEN REASSIGNED TO SINGA-
PORE.

PRIOR TO THE WAR, SINGAPORE CHINESE WERE
LEADING CONTRIBUTORS TO THE GENERAL ECO-
NOMY AND PROSPERITY OF MALAYA. WHEN THE
JAPANESE OCCUPIED MALAYA, THEY RECOGN-
IZED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CHINESE. BUT
THE CHINESE BUSINESSMEN WERE TOO SHREWD
TO BE EXPLOITED UNLESS THE JAPANESE EM-
PLOYED OVERWHELMING PRESSURE.

Within four months, the Ma-
laya Chinese fast are regaining
their important position in Ma-
laya's economy. They are setting
the wheels of industry turning
and have sent representatives to
cities of China by air and sea
to restore China-Malaya trade
which before the war operated
on a vast scale.

Disclosure Was Tactless

Washington, Dec. 20.—
Senator Lucas, Democrat of
Illinois, yesterday said he believes
the Senate House Inquiry Com-
mittee action in disclosing the
secret that the Americans had
been reading German, Japanese
and other nations' confidential
messages "has given us a diplo-
matic setback that can't be
measured."

Lucas said the country will
suffer a great loss in future seek-
ing of information about activities
of other nations.

Another Senator told a reporter
he thinks code-breaking will con-
tinue "as it always has in the
past." He conceded that it was
likely that every nation in the
world has already changed its
codes. The Japanese are not
sending any more what they
thought were highly confidential
messages to their nationals.

The Committee is now in recess
until a week from to-day. Asso-
ciated Press.

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Iron Lung Flight

Seattle, Dec. 20.—
Corporal Wallace H. Har-
grave, of Topeka, Kansas,
arrived here after completing
an 11,000-mile plane trip in
an iron lung from India
where he was stricken with
infantile paralysis. He began
the flight from Calcutta.
Hargrave is en route to
Fitzsimmons general hospital
here. Associated Press.

Want Allied Investigation

BATAVIA, DEC. 20.—
LEADERS OF THE IN-
DO-NESE REPUBLIC ARE SEEKING TO
HAVE AN AMERICAN OR
ALLIED COMMISSION TOUR
JAVA AND LEARN THE
SITUATION OF THE PEOPLE
BEFORE ANY ALLIED MILI-
TARY ACTION IS LAUNCHED
THERE.

Newsman who have toured Java
have come to the conclusion that
President Soekarno and his
government are tremendously po-
pular with the people and have
the support of a wide variety of
groups. Their conclusions were:

(1) The Indonesian army now
has sufficient arms and is suf-
ficiently disciplined to ensure safe
delivery of all Japanese still to
be rounded up by the British and
of all former allied internees and
war prisoners.

(2) The Indonesian govern-
ment is eager to perform this
task as soon as possible.

(3) The internees, after long
imprisonment by the Japanese are
now confined to crowded camps
and while they are not ill treated
they lack sufficient food and me-
dicine. Associated Press.

STUDENTS DEMONSTRATE

Moscow, Dec. 20.—
A Tass dispatch from Beirut
reported yesterday that a student
demonstration had been held in
the Syrian capital, Damascus, to
demand the immediate and un-
conditional withdrawal of British
and French troops from Syrian
territory. Associated Press.

Waste Allegation Against U.S. Military

WASHINGTON, DEC. 20.—
SENATOR KNOWLAND, REPUBLICAN OF CALIFORNIA,
TO-DAY SAID HE AND HIS FELLOW SENATORS
HOPE TO DETERMINE WITHIN A MONTH WHEN
THEIR MILITARY GOODS ARE BEING WASTEFULLY
THROWN AWAY NOW.

THE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE'S DEFENCE
INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE TO-MORROW WILL
BEGIN A MONTH-LONG ROUND THE WORLD
FLIGHT SEEKING ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS WHEN
THEIR USABLE TRUCKS ARE BEING PUSHED OVER
CLIFFS AND WHETHER FOOD IS BEING ALLOWED
TO SPOIL WHILE CHILDREN GO HUNGRY.

Heading the group is Senator
Tamm, Democrat of Delaware.
Another member, besides Know-
land is Senator Mitchell, Demo-
crat of Washington State.
Knowland said in an interview
that the army during the war
had a first class system of sal-
vage which saved a "tremendous
amount of shipping" by repairing
battle damage. He served as
a Major in Europe before be-
coming a Senator.

"Of course, war in itself is a
wasteful process," said Know-
land. "Then many useful
things had to be thrown away.
The scorched earth policy is an
example of destroying wilfully.
What we want to make sure of
is that there is no unnecessary
waste now."

FOOD WASTAGE
Knowland commented that
there may be quite valid rea-
sons for some destruction of
things that cost a lot to make
such as explosives.

"On the other hand, the Com-
mittee has had reports from
time to time that items which
would be of value to civilian
economy here or in Australia
for example have been destroyed."

"We have read as newspaper
readers have of trucks being
pushed off cliffs. We have
heard reports of food being
wasted."

"We don't know how true they
are. It may be for example
that stocks of food have been
kept from hungry people be-
cause they become spoiled to
keep people from poisoning
themselves."

Knowland said the flying
Senators believe they can do a
constructive job for the Ameri-
can people who have lots of
money tied up in supplies bases
and installations of all kinds.

He hopes his inspection trip
will contribute to a "sound na-
tional policy" on handling sur-
plus goods abroad. Associated
Press.

Refugees Burning Ceylon Problem

COLOMBO, DEC. 20.—
ARE REFUGEES FROM THE NETHERLANDS EAST IN-
DIES WELCOME IN CEYLON? THIS HAS BEEN A
BURNING QUESTION SINCE THE ISLAND WAS
THREATENED WITH A RICE CUT FOR CHRISTMAS
WEEK THROUGH THE NON-ARRIVAL OF AN EX-
PECTED RICE SHIP. STATED A REPORT OF THE
DUTCH NEWS AGENCY.

TO ALLAY PUBLIC FEARS, THE NEWSPAPERS TO-DAY
PUBLISHED A STATEMENT THAT THERE WOULD
NOT BE A DRAIN ON CIVIL STOCKS WITH THE
ADVENT OF REFUGEES FROM JAVA, AS THAT WAS
PURELY A MILITARY COMMITMENT AND THE
MILITARY WOULD THEREFORE PROVIDE ALL
FOOD AND ACCOMMODATION.

In reply to the statement the
wife of a British planter in
Kandy has written to the news-
papers questioning the sincerity
of the authorities, saying:

"One has the greatest sym-
pathy for the Dutch in Java, es-
pecially for young children. One
has also great sympathy for the
Ceylonese in Ceylon. Charity
begins at home, and until the
present measure rice ration and
all other essential commodities
are assured to all people in Ce-
ylon, it is unfair of the Govern-
ment to agree with the military
to put a further strain on the
island's resources."

WRONGLY INFORMED?
The writer, according to the
Dutch agency, said that she un-
derstands things are far from
what they should be in the re-
fugee camps.

"An epidemic of measles has
developed amongst other things,
I also hear that refugees in
many cases, who are fit and well,
expect to be waited on, and are
not willing to do a good job of
work for themselves."

"I hope that I have been
wrongly informed. Whoever the
military may be, whether the
South-East Asia Command or
the Ceylon Command, they have
obviously undertaken rather too
much."

The Dutch agency regards this
as the opinion of a single in-
dividual.

Ceylon, it says, is fully sym-
pathetic to refugees, and is do-
ing its utmost to alleviate the
hardships of these unfortunate
people. Responses to the various
appeals has not gone unanswer-
ed, and the only regret seems to
be that times are unfortunately
such that much more cannot be
done for humanity's sake. Reu-
ter.

Wants Long Sentence

Honolulu, Dec. 20.—
The Rt. Rev. Norman S. Bin-
sted, Episcopal Bishop of the
Philippines who was twice inter-
viewed by the Japanese, favours a
long occupation of Japan.

He is en route to the United
States to raise funds to rebuild
churches which were destroyed in
the ravages of war. He said that
an occupation of at least four
years, possibly ten, would give the
liberal and political elements
enough time to exert a strong
democratic influence.

The Bishop who recently visited
Japan said that some quarters
feared that the American army
would be withdrawn too soon and
before the country was really lib-
eralized.

He found in Japan that most of
the churches were underground
during the war because "all mani-
festations of western civilization
were under suspicion" but he
pressed the opinion that the
churches "will have a better
chance than ever before for the
spreading of Christianity." As-
sociated Press.

ATROCITY CHARGES

Yokohama, Dec. 20.—
Captain Kei Yuki, heavy-art
former commander of the Omura
Krusu prison camp went on trial
today on atrocity charges before
the United States Military Com-
mission which a few hours before
had sentenced the first defendant,
Tatsuo Tsubuya, to life imprison-
ment.

Standing at rigid attention,
Yuki pleaded innocent to all
speculations accusing him of or-
dering or condoning the murder
of two American prisoners of war.
The prosecution demanded the
death penalty contending that the
former Army captain was respon-
sible for the "help of his sub-
ordinates." Associated Press.

Charges Against U.S. Officials In Germany

FRANKFURT, DEC. 20.—
THE UNITED STATES MILITARY GOVERNMENT
SPOKESMAN HERE TO-DAY SAID: "WE KNOW OF
NO ONE WORKING FOR HIS OWN SELFISH ENDS"
WITHIN THE ARMY'S ADMINISTRATION OF THE
AMERICAN OCCUPIED GERMANY.

The statement was made in
reply to charges by Senator Har-
ley M. Kilgore, Democrat of
Virginia in Washington last
Friday that some American offi-
cials now with the military
government had "close pre-war
ties with the Nazis" and were
"still sympathetic to the cause
of capitalism and to their old
German cartel partners."

In connection with Kilgore's
charges that the failure to
break up the huge G. Farben
industrial complex was an illu-
stration of American reluctance
to carry out the terms of the
Potsdam Conference, the spoken-
man pointed that the entire G.
Farben question has been placed
on the four-power level.

He said that the United States
had only 9.75 per cent of the
Farben assets within the Ameri-
can zone and that 58.55 per-
cent were in the Russian zone
with the remainder split be-
tween the British and the
French.

The spokesman said the
accusations that army men block-
ed industries' disarmament as
required by the Potsdam Con-
ference had been "voiced before
but did not hold up under an
investigation." Associated
Press.

BRIDGE NOTES

"Please tell us how this should
have been bid," writes C.R.U.,
of Kansas City, Mo. "We're sure both
of us were wrong, but we don't
know just what bids would right."

East, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

S. A. K. J. 8	H. 3. 4	S. Q. 4
H. 3. 4	H. 3. 4	H. 3. 4
D. A. Q. 7	D. A. Q. 7	D. A. Q. 7
C. A. Q. 7. 3	C. A. Q. 7. 3	C. A. Q. 7. 3

S. 5. 6. 2	N. 5. 6. 2	S. Q. 4
H. 9. 5	H. 9. 5	H. 9. 5
D. 8. 5. 4	D. 8. 5. 4	D. 8. 5. 4
C. 7. 8. 5. 4	C. 7. 8. 5. 4	C. 7. 8. 5. 4

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass Pass Pass 10.
1H. 1NT Pass 3NT
Pass Pass Pass

"As you can see, three notrump
is a cinch, but we could have made
six spades. North claimed that
South's failure to bid one spade
over East's heart overall convin-
ced him that the South hand didn't
contain a four-card spade suit. He
therefore saw no point in men-
tioning the spades, but went right
to game in notrump."

"South demurred that his spade
suit was a little too shabby to bid,
and that the diamonds were too
short. One notrump, he felt,
while not a good bid, was the best
available. What's your verdict?"

As usual, in questions of this
sort, both players were wrong.
Most experts would bid two dia-
monds with the South hand, rather
than one notrump; and some of
them would bid the spades in spite
of their weakness. We do not like
South's choice of one notrump, but
are even less for North's jump to
three notrump. North's second bid
should be two spades—unless he
can be quite positive that his part-
ner would surely have bid any
four-card spade holding if he had
held one. From there the road to
Slam is easy. Probably South
would raise to four spades, and
then North might bid five dia-
monds, South five hearts, and
North six spades.

Yesterday you were Howard
Schonken's partner and, with nei-
ther side vulnerable, you held:

S. K. 9	H. 3. 4	S. Q. 4
H. 3. 4	H. 3. 4	H. 3. 4
D. A. 10. 9. 5. 3	D. A. 10. 9. 5. 3	D. A. 10. 9. 5. 3
C. A. 10. 7. 5	C. A. 10. 7. 5	C. A. 10. 7. 5

The bidding:
Jacob You Maier Schonken
1NT (7)
ANSWER: Pass. Your chance
for a game is practically nil
against the strong notrump open-
ing bid; and there is no point in
risking a sizable penalty just to
try for a partial score.

Score 100 per cent for pass, 0
for any other bid.

QUESTION
To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's
partner and with neither side vul-
nerable, you hold:

S. A. Q. 4	H. 10. 5	S. Q. 4
H. 10. 5	H. 10. 5	H. 10. 5
D. Q. J. 7. 6	D. Q. J. 7. 6	D. Q. J. 7. 6
C. K. Q. 4	C. K. Q. 4	C. K. Q. 4

The bidding:
You Schonken Jacoby Maier
1D Pass 1S Pass
(7)
What do you bid? (Answer
To-morrow).

TRIBESMEN PARDONED
Manila, Dec. 28.—
President Sergio Osmeña has
pardoned or commuted the sen-
tences of 218 prisoners, many of
the principal rebel leaders, charged
with being bandits.

Osmeña issued a Christmas
message: "Although many of our
people are still homeless and still
suffer from want, the way now lies
straight before us."
The President signed an execu-
tive order releasing 1,000,000
pesos, representing two months'
back pay to government employees.
Associated Press.

CHARITY FOOTBALL MATCH IN AID OF C. I. C. FUND FOR THE RELIEF OF CHINESE DISTRESS

and
CHINA RELIEF FUND
ROYAL NAVY
CHINESE.

SUNDAY, 30th December, 1945
at Sokegump Ground
Kick Off 3.30 P.M.
Admission: \$5.00 (seats)
\$1.00 (standing.)

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BRITISH MILITARY ADMIN- ISTRATION, (HONG KONG.)

LEGAL BRANCH
In re: Custodian Proclamation
No. 10 of 1945.

SALE BY TENDER (S. 369)

The Administration is pre-
pared to receive bids in writing
for the purchase of the undernoted
equipment as it stands, at heung
Far Wan Road, Shamshuipo.

One—Equipment for a Rice
Mill, consisting of:—

- 1 Steam Engine, 30 H.P.
- 1 Wood burning boiler
- 2 Grinding machines
- 2 Husk separators
- 1 Water tank
- 1 Iron sliding door
- 1 Wooden frame, etc.

Permission to view can be
arranged with Office of Custodian
of Property, 4th Floor, Windsor
House.

Scaled Tenders in Triplicate
should be deposited with the
Chairman, Tenders Board, Public
Works Branch, Civil Affairs
12, C.S.O. Building (Ground
Floor), before Noon 7th January,
1946.

The Administration does not
bind itself to accept the highest
or any tender.

R. A. WICKERSON,
Custodian of Property.
VICTORIA, 28th December, 1945.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMIN- ISTRATION, (HONG KONG.)

LEGAL BRANCH
In re: Custodian Proclamation
No. 10 of 1945.

SALE BY TENDER (S. 686)

The Administration is prepared
to receive bids in writing for the
purchase of the undernoted
machinery as they stand, now
lying at the North Point Instal-
lation of the Hongkong Electric
Co., Ltd.

One Electric Generating Unit
of Japanese manufacture, mounted
on a common bedplate consisting
of:—

- 1—6 cylinder Gasoline Engine
complete with (ccs) gears.
- 1—15 K.V.A. 220 V. A.C.
Generator, complete with
switchboard.

One Air Compressor Unit of
Japanese manufacture mounted
on a common bedplate on wheels
consisting of:—

- 1—4 cylinder Gasoline Engine
direct coupled to a 2 cylinder
air compressor 6 1/2 h.p. by
6" stroke, complete with
2 air tanks, air hose and
accessories.

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KOREA TRUSTEESHIP

Full Text Of Moscow Agreement

Big Three Decision On Control In Tokyo

(Continued from Page 1)
trusteeship with a view to re-establishment of Korea as an independent state. The trusteeship would last five years. A joint American-Russian commission, with the co-operation of a provisional government and democratic Korean organizations would work out measures for political and economic development of the country.

AGREEMENT ON JAPAN
The agreement specified that establishment of the commission for Japan would not preclude use of other methods of consultation on Far Eastern issues by participating governments.

The Far Eastern commission shall consist of one representative of each state party to the Moscow agreement. Membership of the commission may be increased by agreement among the participating powers, on conditions warrant, by the addition of representatives of United Nations in the Far East or those having territories there.

The commission shall provide for full and adequate consultations, an occupation may require, with representatives of the United Nations who are not members of the commission in regard to matters before the commission which are of particular concern to such nations.

The commission may take action by less than unanimous vote, provided action shall have concurrence of at least a majority of all representatives, including representatives of the United States, United Kingdom, Russia and China.

The Far Eastern commission shall have its headquarters in Washington. It may meet at other places as occasion requires, including Tokyo, if and when it deems it desirable to do so. It may make such arrangements through the chairman as may be practicable for consultation with the supreme commander for the Allied powers.

Each representative on the commission may be accompanied by an appropriate staff, comprising both civilian and military representatives.

WASHINGTON HQ
The Far Eastern commission shall cease to function when a decision to that effect is taken by concurrence of at least a majority of all representatives, including representatives of the four major powers. Prior to termination of its functions the commission shall transfer to any interim or permanent security organization any functions which may appropriately be

Five Years As Maximum

Moscow, Dec. 28.
The text of the Big Three Foreign Ministers' proposal for a Korean trusteeship for a period of up to five years, with "a provisional democratic government," reads as follows:
"With a view to re-establishment of Korea as an independent state, creation of conditions for developing the country on democratic principles, and the earliest possible liquidation of the disastrous results of the protracted Japanese domination in Korea, there shall be set up a provisional Korean democratic government, which shall take all necessary steps for developing the industry, transport and agriculture of Korea and the national culture of the Korean people."

"In order to assist in the formation of a provisional Korean government and with a view to preliminary elaboration of appropriate measures, there will be established a joint commission consisting of representatives of the United States command in southern Korea and the Soviet command in northern Korea."

In preparing their proposals, the commission shall consult with Korean democratic parties and social organizations.

Recommendations worked out by the commission shall be presented for consideration of the governments of the United States, the United Kingdom, and the United States, prior to final decision by the two governments represented on the joint commission.

UP TO FIVE YEARS
"It shall be the task of the joint commission, with participation of the provisional Korean democratic government and of Korean democratic

KIM KOO RAISES PROTEST

SEOUL, KOREA, DEC. 28.
REPORTS FROM THE MOSCOW CONFERENCE ON THE TRUSTEESHIP FOR KOREA HAVE CAUSED A FLURRY OF EXCITEMENT AND EMPHATIC STATEMENTS FROM KOREANS OPPOSING SUCH A STEP.

A spokesman of the Kim-koo Provisional Government said: "Aa World War No. 2 was to protect weaker nations from the claws of tyrants, America, England, Russia and China have promised Korea independence. The news of the trusteeship proposal may be a fake story but if such illegal trusteeship becomes a reality it will be detrimental to peace in the Far East."

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He said: "We hope that the 38th parallel dividing Korea into two spheres of influence will soon be eliminated and a joint interim provisional commission will be formed to prepare the

cratic organizations, to work out measures also for helping and assisting (trusteeship) political, economic and social progress of the Korean people in development of democratic self-government and establishment of the national independence of Korea."

"Proposals of the joint commission shall be submitted following consultation with the provisional Korean government for joint consideration of the governments of the United States, the U.S.S.R., the United Kingdom and China, for working out the agreement concerning the four-power trusteeship of Korea for a period of up to five years."

"For consideration of urgent problems affecting both southern and northern Korea, and for elaboration of measures establishing permanent co-ordination in administrative and economic matters, the United States command in Southern Korea and the Soviet command in Northern Korea will have their representatives convene within a period of two weeks."—Associated Press.

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Parliamentary Delegation Leaving Soon

London, Dec. 28.
The all-party delegation of members of the British Parliament to India will leave Britain by air on or about Jan. 2. It is understood from authoritative quarters here.

Prime Minister Attlee will receive the members of the delegation before they leave—probably on Monday, New Year's Eve—and give them his good wishes for their undertaking.

The delegation is expected to arrive at New Delhi on or about Jan. 6 and to spend at least the first two days of their visit as guests of the Viceroy, Lord Wavell.

The delegation will be free to go anywhere and consult anyone it pleases throughout India, consistent with the time at its disposal. The members of the party are expected to be absent from Britain for five or six weeks. Everything will be done to enable the delegates to return home with the clearest possible appreciation of the situation and of the views of Indian parties and leaders.—Reuter.

ASIATIC SOCIETY'S BOOKS LOOTED

Shanghai, Dec. 28.
A total of over 100,000 valuable books, mostly magazines, were stolen from the library of the Royal Asiatic Society here and shipped by the Japanese to Japan during the war, it is learned.
The library authorities are said to have requested the Central Research Institute in Chungking to assist them to recover the books, which are believed to be now housed in the Tokyo Racial Research Institute of Japan.
The Museum of the same Society, for some strange reason, was left untouched by the Japanese.—Reuter.

Yamashita Gets No Sympathy In America

NEW YORK, DEC. 28.
LIEUT.-GENERAL YAMASHITA'S CASE CONTINUES TO DRAW MUCH EDITORIAL COMMENT IN THE AMERICAN PRESS WITH ALL PAPERS AGREEING THAT THE DEATH SENTENCE WAS JUSTIFIED.
THE ST. LOUIS POST DISPATCH SAID THAT THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT'S AGREEMENT TO CONSIDER YAMASHITA'S APPEAL "IS A MAGNIFICENT DISPLAY OF IMPERSONALITY OF LAW IN A WORLD IN WHICH LAWLESSNESS HAS LATELY RUN AMOK."

The paper asserted the Japanese general had won no right to be treated as a human being but added "the law is the law and the Supreme Court will consider the appeal as if Yamashita were a man and not a monster."
The "Honolulu Star-Bulletin" asserted that the Yamashita death sentence "should serve as a reminder to other war criminals on trial or due to be tried in Europe and Asia how strong is the shadow of the noose that hangs over them."

NO EXCUSE
The "Star-Bulletin" held that Yamashita's defense that he personally was unaware of the atrocities was unimpressive and pointed out that had the General's troops violated another country during peace-time and created an incident which involved Japan in heavy damages, profuse apologies by Yamashita's superiors in Tokyo would have held him responsible for the actions of his forces.

The paper added that Yamashita knew of the reputation of the Japanese army which had participated in previous unrestrained atrocities, especially in the rape of Nanking; therefore he had a reasonable expectation that the Japanese troops would commit the same crimes in the Philippines, unless he imposed vigorous restraints.

MEANS NOTHING
The "San Francisco Chronicle," discussing Yamashita's appeal, said that the writ of the Supreme Court is effective in the Philippines which is American territory, and added: "The fact that the Supreme Court has granted him a stay does not necessarily mean it believes it has jurisdiction; a stay is ordinarily automatic when the Court decides to examine a petition."

The "New York Times" in an editorial, said that in the Yamashita trial the whole of the Japanese military clique and its twisted code "also was in the prison dock" and added: "There can be no defense offered against atrocities committed at any time especially in a war of aggression."

The "New York Tribune" said that if the death verdict is not upset on the appeal "it will establish a precedent."

The Tacoma, Washington, "News Tribune" said that Yamashita "now wants to resort to technicalities of law that can make it possible for him to carry his case to the United States Supreme Court. This fellow whose troops bayoneted mothers and babies and set American soldiers on fire wants to be sure he gets his full rights and it is a sickening spectacle just watching him raise legal points."

Another from Marysville, California, commenting on the case said that the Yamashita death verdict "holds a significance not to be confined to the case immediately involved. It sets a pattern into which the fate of the authors of the war in the Pacific has been woven inextricably. It also establishes certain principles which are involved too in the trial at Nuernberg—principles that exclude from war nations' practices of barbarism."

The paper asserted that the Yamashita death sentence undoubtedly had a great deal to do with the thinking that prompted the suicide of Kono and added that the war crimes defendants both in the Pacific and Europe "will gain little comfort from this court judgment."—Associated Press.

ATOMIC ENERGY CONTROL

Washington, Dec. 28.
The National Lawyers Guild today urged that control of atomic energy be given to the United Nations Security Council. In a statement directed to the United States Secretary of State James Byrnes, the guild said that the British Canadian and American declaration on atomic power was a departure from the entire structure of the United Nations Organization.—Associated Press.

SUDDEN DEATH

Atlanta, Georgia, Dec. 28.
Col. James W. Duckworth, who supervised hospitals on Bataan during the 1941 fighting and later served in various Japanese-operated prison camps, died yesterday of a heart attack. He was released last February in the surprise raid of American scouts on the Cabanatuan prison camp on Luzon in the Philippines.—Associated Press.

Blood Plasma

Washington, Dec. 28.
Enough blood plasma to meet civilian requirements for the next two years is being distributed throughout the United States for free use. This was arranged by the Red Cross after the Army and Navy had declared surplus units representing 2,000,000 blood donations.
The veterans' administration was supplied with a five-year stock.—Associated Press.

MacArthur's Powers Untouched

Washington, Dec. 28.
General MacArthur's powers as Supreme Allied Commander became virtually unchanged by the Big Three Foreign Ministers' decisions on Japan at the meeting in Moscow.

The four-power council established for Japan is given only the function of "consulting with and advising" the Supreme Commander.

In addition, General MacArthur has been made Chairman, as the United States member of the Council.

The agreement increased the policy-making powers of the Far Eastern Commission but provided a method of voting under which the United States could block any attempt to change directives which General MacArthur is already carrying out.

The Commission is pledged to respect the existing control machinery in Japan including the chain of command from the United States Government to the Supreme Commander's command of the occupation forces.—Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 28.
Secretary of War Patterson today announced the appointment of Lieut.-General Leroy Lutes as Commanding-General of the Army Service Forces effective January 1, succeeding General B. Somerville, who is retiring.—Associated Press.

Two Huge Strikes Loom

New York, Dec. 28.
Threats of two huge strikes which if 100 per cent effective, would involve about 600,000 workers, darkened the United States labor picture today.
A walk-out of 200,000 C.I.O. workers from the plants of the top-three electrical industries was termed as "inevitable" by Union leaders and may be called for late next week.

A nationwide stoppage of telephone employees was seen by an independent Union spokesman as a possible aftermath of a strike scheduled for next Thursday by the Western Electric Co. workers in the New York and New Jersey areas.—Associated Press.

Anti-Russian Scenes In Trebizond

ISTANBUL, DEC. 28.
DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST GEORGIAN PROPOSALS THAT A LARGE STRIP OF TURKISH BLACK SEA TERRITORY GO TO RUSSIA AND A DECLARATION THAT THE TURKS WOULD PERISH BEFORE YIELDING WERE REPORTED YESTERDAY FROM THE VITAL PORT OF TREBIZOND.
TENSION GREW AS TURKEY WAITED FOR THE MOSCOW COMMUNIQUE FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONFERENCE RELATIVE TO THIS PROBLEM.

The semi-official Anatolia agency said the claims sent by Moscow by Georgian professors last week created "great nervousness" in Trebizond and that the residents expected to see protests take the form of a series of demonstrations against claims branded as "unjust."

Turkey is deeply affected by the proposals of the Georgians that nine provinces comprising 20,000 square kilometers along the Black Sea and eastern frontier be ceded to Russia.

The Turkish army is still almost fully mobilized and martial law is being renewed in Istanbul for another six months. Prime Minister Shukru Saracoglu yesterday requested an extension for another year of the law under which the eastern border province of Tunceli, home of nomadic Kurds, has been administered since the Kurds were suppressed.

American P.O.W. Starved To Death

YOKOHAMA, DEC. 28.
AMERICAN MARINE CORPORAL JAMES G. PAVLOKOS SHRANK FROM 170 TO 55 POUNDS BEFORE HE DIED OF STARVATION IN A JAPANESE PRISON CAMP GUARDHOUSE, SAID AN AFFIDAVIT INTRODUCED TODAY INTO THE WAR CRIMES TRIAL OF FIRST LIEUT. KEI YURI.
YURI WAS THE FORMER COMMANDANT OF THE OMUTA (KUSHU) PRISON CAMP AND IS THE SECOND DEFENDANT TO FACE THE UNITED STATES MILITARY COMMISSION HERE ON ATROCITY CHARGES.

Major Thomas Hill Hewlett, of New Orleans, medical officer captured at Corregidor and subsequently imprisoned at Omuta prison camp, testified in an affidavit as follows:
"I saw his (Pavlokos') body. He weighed only 55 lbs. whereas he usually weighed about 170 lbs."

The witness said Pavlokos, known as the "mad Greek" was accused of stealing food and was turned over to the Japanese by Lieut. C. N. Little, U.S.N., an officer prisoner. He said that Pavlokos escaped from the guardhouse but was recaptured while carrying a parcel which the Japanese said was food stolen during his brief freedom.

Corporal James C. Guntor, of New Mexico, said that Pavlokos was given a beating lasting 15 to 20 minutes and then confined to the guardhouse for 30 days until his death. Guntor's affidavit said that for the first 25 days of his confinement "Pavlokos was given only a little rice and then no food was given him in the last 14 days until he died."

SELLING RICE
Guntor also said that Lieut. Little turned the Greek over to the Japanese on a charge of selling rice while on K. P. duty.

The prosecution introduced one affidavit in the morning session in connection with the death of Pte. Noah Heard who was allegedly bayoneted to death on May 31, 1944, before American officer prisoners.

Yuri was accused of ordering the guards to beat Heard.
Major Robert William Schott, of Glendale, California, a dental officer who was captured in Bataan, testified that Heard was captured with a cap and a watch belonging to a Japanese guard.

NO TRIAL
Schott, in his affidavit, said he knew Heard was given no hearing or trial. He submitted with the affidavit a picture of the Japanese in which he identified Yuri who was wearing an officer's uniform.

The prosecution also indicated it would charge Yuri with responsibility for the treatment of prisoners of the Mitsui Mining Company on the contention that, as camp commander, Yuri was responsible for the work details and treatment of men while working.—Associated Press.

BYRNES' PLANE DIVERTED

Moscow, Dec. 28.
The plane carrying the United States Secretary of State Mr. James Byrnes back to Washington from the Foreign Ministers' Conference took the Naples-Casablanca-Azores route at the last minute when bad weather over Central Europe was discovered, it was reported here today.—Associated Press.

America's V.C. Awarded

Washington, Dec. 28.
Pte. Manuel Perez, Junior, of Oklahoma City, was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor posthumously for an assault on a Japanese pillbox, the War Department announced today.

The action occurred last Feb. 13, in Luzon. Perez was killed on March 14, in another action at Santo Tomas.

The Citation says that Perez, of the 11th Airborne Infantry Scouts, had killed at least 25 Japanese in an attack on 12 pillboxes which were blocking the drive toward Fort McKinley. He single-handedly killed 18 Japanese in all from the last pillbox to fall, using a seized Japanese rifle as a club after it had run out of ammunition.—Associated Press.

Devaluation Of Franc

PARIS, DEC. 28.
FRANCE "HAS SUFFERED TOO MUCH" FROM INTERNATIONAL MONETARY DISORDERS NOT TO SUPPORT THE BREITON WOODS AGREEMENT, FINANCE MINISTER RENE FLEVEN DECLARED LAST NIGHT DURING A FULL DRESS FINANCIAL DEBATE IN THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY.

Fleven called the financial accord "the first attempt to deliver the world from the evils of financial disorders and payment restrictions."

He also offered an explanation of devaluation of the franc during the day.
The debate on the monetary plan began early and with several recesses lasted until late at night. The hour at which a vote would be taken remained in doubt.

Fleven conceded that "certain criticisms" could be raised against the agreement, saying "it is to be feared that the monetary fund will not be sufficient, that dollars will be lacking and that disequilibrium, resulting from the war, cannot be compensated for in ever case through credit."—Associated Press.

YOUNG CHIANG RUMOUR

Chungking, Dec. 28.
The Chinese press reported that Chiang Chun-kuo, elder son of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, left for Moscow Tuesday. Official quarters refused to confirm or deny the report.

The press said young Chiang, who is a special commissioner for foreign affairs in Manchuria, would be consulted on Sino-Soviet problems under discussion by the "big three" foreign ministers in Moscow. Official reticence might indicate the report was well founded.—Associated Press.

STOP PRESS

London, Dec. 28.
The Dutch Aneta News Agency today reported that the discussions which are at present taking place between Mr. Attlee and Dutch Government officials are making satisfactory progress.
The Agency said that the conference had virtually completed its business in the first of the two scheduled days.—Associated Press.

RADIO

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29th 1945.
ZBW HONGKONG TIME
A frequency of 61.40 Mcycles and from 12.30 to 1.30 p.m., 6.50 to 7.50 p.m. and 9.00 to 11.00 p.m. also on 9.52 Mcycles.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary
1.30 p.m.—Band of H.M. Goldstream Guards—NBA.
1.00 p.m.—News & Announcements.
1.10 p.m.—Piano Duets by Bawick & Landauer.
1.30 p.m.—Compositions of Mendelssohn.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
5.00 p.m.—Hawaiian Music.
5.15 p.m.—"Services Music Box"—NBA.
5.30 p.m.—Maggie's Impe and His Orchestra.
6.00 p.m.—Some Popular Duets by J. Sargent Mc Donald and Nelson Eddy with the New Mayfair Orchestra.

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7.00 p.m.—London Relay—News.
7.15 p.m.—Arthur Bushfield (Piano) & Gail-Gard (Soprano).
7.30 p.m.—"Passing Show"—R.A.F. Orchestra—NBA.

8.00 p.m.—A Dance Programme.
8.30 p.m.—"Music Time"—NBA.
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—News.
9.05 p.m.—G. Wood's "Romeo and Juliet"—The T. M. S. Orchestra—Act V.
9.30 p.m.—B. S. S. Symphony Orchestra.
9.45 p.m.—A Warner Programme.
10.30 p.m.—Military Band Music.
11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

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